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## PAL eyes Manila-Saipan direct flights

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REPORTER

**P**hilippine Airlines is looking at reviving its Manila-Saipan route by operating a new direct service between the Philippine capital and the CNMI capital starting December this year through its subsidiary PAL Express network.

» **New route opens up source market, direct medical referral trips, economic devt**

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## TDHC faces suspension of casino license

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission may have no choice but to deny the casino license application of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's new owners.

"Mega Stars [Overseas Ltd.]...they have not completed the application

» **'Dynasty may have avoided \$75M fine if it complied with Tinian Gaming Act'**

process and, in fact, have refused to continue to cooperate in that process. Therefore, the commission has no choice but to suspend



Blanco-Maratita

their suitability application," TCGGC executive director Lucia Blanco-Maratita told *Saipan Tribune*.

She added that, due to the various violations of the Dynasty, a complaint and order to show cause

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### COMPLETION CEREMONY

A total of 22 students from Saipan Southern High School received globally-recognized AHLEI certificates after 180 hours of training under the program. The completion ceremony was held last Tuesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

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## CNMI residents begin using tax checks to shop

By JOEL PINAROC  
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REPORTER

Residents of the CNMI can expect to get their tax rebate checks any time

soon with the Department of Finance releasing checks as early as last week.

In fact, some recipients of the tax checks have been using the checks to shop as early as Saturday.

Some stores throughout Garapan, including 99 Cents, Martha's Store, and Joeten Garapan reported entertaining customers with the tax checks on hand.

A clerk at Martha's Store, who requested anonymity, said residents use the tax checks "to buy milk and diapers." The clerk said others chose to buy canned goods and other food items.

At 99 Cents, the on-duty clerk said

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What started as a way to fight boredom from his semi-retirement became somewhat a mission to help the people of CNMI.

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Nearly a year after a devastating war, Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers appear to have formed an unspoken alliance.

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Kagman High School graduate Mebric S. Navisaga receives a plaque and his \$1,000 scholarship from TSL Foundation led by Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan and Tan Holdings corporate consultant David M. Sablan. At right is KagHS acting principal Leila Staffler.



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Marianas High School graduates Noemi A. Caacbay and Maria Theresa D. Dizon receive their plaques and \$1,000 scholarship from TSL Foundation led by Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan and Tan Holdings corporate consultant David M. Sablan. At right is MHS principal Cheryl Cabrera.



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Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School graduates Neri Bles B. Jingco and Elvie Anria Mesngon receive their plaques and \$1,000 scholarship from TSL Foundation.



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**MARIA THERESA DIZON**  
Marianas High School



**JOANN BANDALES**  
Saipan Southern High School



**NOEMI CAACBAY**  
Marianas High School



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Saipan Southern High School graduate Joann M. Badales receives a plaque and her \$1,000 scholarship from TSL Foundation led by Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.



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Saipan Southern High School graduate Ha Noul "Sky" Lee receives a plaque and her \$1,000 scholarship from TSL Foundation led by Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.

By **DENNIS B. CHAN**  
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REPORTER

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to eight graduating high

school students from the Public School System.

This marks the second year of their annual "Public High School Citizenship Award," which is open to all CNMI pub-

lic high schools.  
» **\$1K scholarships given to PSS HS graduates**

"On behalf of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and Tan Holdings, I would like to thank all the PSS students who submit-  
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**DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS MEETING**

Friday, June 26, 2015, 10:00 AM  
BECQ Conference Room, Suite 205

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

a) Call to Order  
b) Roll Call

**II. PERMIT APPLICATION**

1. GRAND MARIANA CASINO and HOTEL RESORT  
(CRM Permit Application No.SMS-2015-X-029)

a. Permit Application/Summary  
b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and Director  
c. Permit Application Status

**III. OTHER MATTERS**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**



**COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Commonwealth Casino Commission Office Conference Room, Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

**I. PRELIMINARIES:**

A. Call to Order  
B. Roll Call  
C. Adoption of Agenda  
D. Adoption of Minutes: May 12, 2015

**II. REPORTS:**

A. Report by the Chairman  
B. Report by the Executive Director

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Casino Regulatory and Licensing Fee Structure  
B. Public Law 18-56 – Proposed Amendments  
C. Pre-opening Audit of Casino Gaming Equipment – GLI proposal  
D. Minimum Internal Controls (MIC)

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. FY2016 Supplemental Budget – CCC Budget Request  
B. Casino Vendor Provisional Licensing Requirements - Waiver  
C. Adoption of Testing and Certification - BMM

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary)*

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**(ITB NO. 15-001)**

Pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 55, codified at 6 Saipan Municipal Code (SMC) 31, Chapter 4, the Honorable David M. Apatang, Mayor, Municipality of Saipan, is issuing this Notice of Invitation to Bid for the operation of a sole bingo license in the Municipality of Saipan. The term of the sole bingo license shall be for a period of one year from the date it is issued. 6 SMC § 25.

The minimum bid for the sole bingo license shall be United States Dollars \$1,000.00. 6 SMC § 33 (2). (Minimum bid). The successful bidder must pay the bid amount no later than twenty-four hours following bid award.

A non-refundable bid fee of USD\$100.00 must accompany each bid. Bids received without the non-refundable bid fee shall be rejected and shall not be considered. The bid fee must be in the form of United States Currency, United States Postal Express Money Order, or Bank Cashier's Check. Checks must be made payable to the "Commonwealth Treasury" and have the notation "For Deposit to Business Unit 3067." The bid fee is non-refundable. Personal or business checks will not be accepted.

A bid must be submitted on a Bid Application Form. A Bid Application Form is available at the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, second floor in the Ladera Center Building, on Beach Road in Oleia, Saipan. Interested bidders may pick up a form during regular government working hours, i.e., 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, except on government holidays. Any bid submitted on a form other than that provided by the Office of the Mayor of Saipan will be rejected and not considered.

A bid must be sealed and submitted to the Office of the Mayor of Saipan at the above-stated address, no later than 3:30 p.m. on June 24, 2015. No bids will be accepted after 3:30 p.m. on June 24, 2015. All bids will be publicly opened and announced at 10:00 a.m. on June 25, 2015, at the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, at the above-stated physical address. All dates and time indicated on this ITB are CNMI local dates and time.

The Office of the Mayor of Saipan reserves the right to reject any and all bids if to do so is in the best interest of the Municipality of Saipan.

A bidder must be a U.S. citizen, must possess a current CNMI business license, possess a CNMI-issued tax identification number, must have current CNMI mailing and physical address, must be able to provide proof of no criminal conviction, must be able to provide documents of incorporation in the CNMI, including the documents listed in this paragraph, etc.

For information, please visit the Office of the Mayor of Saipan or call 234-6208 during regular government working hours, i.e., 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, except on government holidays.

/s/David M. Apatang  
Mayor, Municipality of Saipan



# E-gaming provider wants to raise cap on number of machines

BY JOEL PINAROC  
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REPORTER

Strategic Gaming Solutions Inc. wants to raise the number of e-gaming machines allowed in the CNMI.

The company was one of the first to invest on e-gaming in the CNMI. Its request was one of the comments raised during a public hearing on e-gaming

held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last Monday, June 15.

The e-gaming hearing was facilitated by Ray Basa, manager of e-gaming under the Department of Finance.

Basa said there is a limit on the number of e-gaming machines allowed in the CNMI, which is "about 100 machines."

He said Strategic Gaming wants no limit on the number of machines.

Aside from an unlimited number of e-gaming machines, the firm also wants "to change" the license fees for the machines, Basa said.

Currently, the CNMI imposes a license fee of \$2,500 for each e-gaming machine, but Basa did not disclose the exact

amount that Strategic Gaming Solutions is asking for.

Public Law 18-20, or the E-Gaming Law, was signed in the CNMI in 2013. The law mandates that electronic gaming machines are allowed only in hotels on Saipan with at least 100 rooms. Hotels with fewer than 100 rooms can still offer e-gaming if they are attached to a golf course.

In June 2014, Saipan's first electronic gaming facility,

Club C located at the Kanoa Resort, held a soft opening.

According to Basa, the public hearing was "well-attended" with residents and lawmakers making up most of the audience.

"The main purpose of the hearing is to get comments from the public," Basa said, adding that most of the attendees support e-gaming on the CNMI.

Basa said topics on regulation were not discussed.

The Department of Finance currently holds jurisdiction on the e-gaming machines, although a proposed legislation wants the Commonwealth Casino Commission to "handle" the regulation of e-gaming.

The commission, meanwhile, was not aware of the e-gaming public hearing, commissioner Justin S. Manglona, the commission's secretary, said. He declined to comment further.

## TSL

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ted their application for this year's awards," TSL Foundation's Merlie Tolentino said.

With this award, Tolentino said, they hope to acknowledge students who have shown outstanding work and commitment to their community through school, community service, and charitable or philanthropic programs.

"We hope this gives students more incentive to excel not only in their studies, but to also be active, vibrant, and generous members of our island community," Tolentino told *Saipan Tribune*.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said PSS is grateful for their partnership with the TSL Foundation and for their commitment in recognizing the leadership qualities of our students.

"This award provides our students the financial support to pursue their college aspirations," the education chief told *Saipan Tribune*.

From Saipan Southern High School, scholarships went to Mebric S. Navisaga and Rugina Flores Olupomar. Scholarships for Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School went to Neri Bles B. Jingco and Elvie Anria Mesngon.



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### HA NOUL 'SKY'

Saipan Southern High School

For Kagman High School, scholarships went to Mebric S. Navisaga and Rugina Flores Olupomar. Scholarships for Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School went to Neri Bles B. Jingco and Elvie Anria Mesngon.

## CDA approves 1st micro loan after program is re-established

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Development Authority has approved its first loan under its Micro Loan program after reestablishing the program with start-up-friendly changes last month.

CDA loan manager Oscar Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they have approved their first totaling \$25,000 for a business that aims to set up a shop along Beach Road before the Garapan Fishing Base heading north.

He said the loan was approved for owners of the "Sal-bahe" and "Tribes" businesses.

He said the loan amount cov-

ers purchase of inventory, space renovations, and some capital.

In May, the CDA board approved program changes to allow "start-up" businesses without credit history and a previous bank denial to borrow amounts up to \$3,000. Any loan above \$3,000 would require one bank denial. Previously, the program had asked for three.

Camacho said yesterday that CDA wants to be "efficient" and prompt with approving loans but also want to make good loans and "not be hasty" with them.

He said an application was turned in sometime in May. He said CDA replies with a "commitment letter" approving or

denying the application ten days after it is found complete.

The applicant then has 90 days to decide to go forward with the application, he said, with a final approval coming the following Friday a decision is made.

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# CUC asks for suspension of debt payments to CDA

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REPORTER

Citing financial distress and a desire not to charge customers with rates for debt payment, the Commonwealth Utility Corp. requests a five-year suspension of all debt and interest payments to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

In the letter sent this month, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher asks that CDA suspend "all payments, accrual of dividends, and any associated liability" for debt payments owed to CDA for a period of five years.

Right now, CUC is required to pay back \$4.32 million in deferred debt by October 2016. This payment ties to debt that stretches all the way back to 1985.

"As CDA may be aware, CUC is currently under extreme financial distress," Fletcher writes to CDA executive director Manuel Sablan. "In addition," he said, "the CUC Board of Directors currently seeks to avoid burdening its customers with including the CDA debt obligation and any accrual of liabilities for unpaid dividends into its tariffs."

Fletcher, in other words, was referring to the board's preference to not charge customers with rates set to pay debt owed to other agencies like CDA and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

In his letter, Fletcher also emphasized that any accrual of liabilities for unpaid dividends be suspended.

"Simply, a deferral of payments, with continued accrual of the dividend, will only re-

sult in increased rates, as the liability for full payment of the accrued dividends at some time in the future will still have to be put into rates at the time payment is to begin. Since the dividend payment due will be larger than today, the effect on the rates at that time will also be greater than it would be today," Fletcher said.

In an interview yesterday, acting CDA executive director Oscar Camacho said this was a matter that would be deferred

to their board.

Camacho said they have acknowledged the letter but they could not make any decision until their board, which currently lacks a quorum, is organized.

The request to suspend their debt also comes in hand with the board's vote earlier this month to withdraw a 2.1 cent "debt service surcharge" that had been pending with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

CUC's debt to CDA goes back 1985, when CDA loaned CUC \$200 million from a federal grant pledge agreement they received so CUC could build its infrastructure. In 2001, a legal battle over the debt was resolved in a memorandum of agreement the next year, which was revised in 2004 to turn that debt into equity for CDA.

In 2009, this agreement was executed and turned that total debt of about \$200 million and the total interest debt of \$138,672 into equity, or \$45 million in preferred stock held by CDA. CUC was set to pay a dividend payment set at 2 percent, or \$900,000 a year. In total, CUC has to pay \$1.08 million to CDA per year, after first paying off the \$4.32 million it has already deferred for three years by October 2016.

While CUC wishes to exclude debt obligations from its rate, this is allowed and promoted by its establishing mandate. The mandate states that all their electric rates and charges would be "sufficient to recover all costs associated with the" utility's operations as well as costs for "adequate financial reserves for any debt associated with electric service," among others.

## PAL

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The new route by the Philippine flag carrier could open up a new source market for the CNMI, lead to cheaper flights, and serve medically referred patients.

Philippine Flight Network—a leading source of airline and aviation news in the Philippines—came out with a story last Sunday reporting that PAL is considering offering two weekly flights to serve the Filipino community in the Commonwealth.

Philippines Airlines used to service the Manila-Saipan route in the early 1990s.

This offers a more convenient access for the Filipino community and is a prospective market for PAL especially for those wanting to travel to Manila directly and then connecting to other destinations in Philippine Airlines' domestic network or even its international network.

PAL Express intends to operate the flights using its fleet of two 156-seat Airbus A320 aircraft making Saipan the only international destination in the PAL Express network.

## Great for Filipino community

Glicerio "Eli" Arago, Philippines' Honorary Consul to the Commonwealth, said direct flights from Saipan to Manila would benefit the Filipino community in the CNMI.

"As honorary consul it is a good thing and that anything

that benefits the community is good and if it pulls through it would be great to again have direct flights from Saipan to Manila. For the Filipino community it would be easier access to our home country," Arago said.

Continental Airlines used to offer direct flight between the Philippine capital and Saipan.

Saipan Tribune learned that Century Travel Agency Inc. was approached by PAL Express network to try and look at the feasibility of opening the Manila-Saipan route.

Tan Holdings corporate consultant David "Uncle Dave" M. Sablan said it started out as an initial fact-finding trip from two representatives—one from PAL Express network and the other from Guam Philippine Airlines.

Sablan confirmed that they were approached by Philippine Airlines and were told that there will be flights for twice a week and that PAL is looking at launching the flights in December of this year.

He said that Century Travel is the only traveling agency who can ticket Philippine Airlines and have been ticketing PAL for many years.

"We had this agreement for many years that people can purchase tickets for PAL through us and it's a long-time agreement," he said.

## Another market?

Sablan said that with PAL Express network, it would be

a great development for the CNMI.

"There will be other possibilities and there will be economic development for Saipan as a result as the anticipated arrival of PAL and we'll have more people coming in. It would be a big plus for all of us. There are several good ideas to improve traffic from Saipan to the Philippines because the Marianas Visitors Authority should seriously consider promoting Saipan in the Philippines, Singapore, and Malaysia so they have flights that would come in to Saipan," he added.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said that they have met with PAL officials already and provided statistics on source countries.

When asked about PAL providing flights between Saipan and Manila he said that "it is definitely our consideration of course and we welcome new carriers and we will have to look at their target markets and possibly other Asian countries" in regards to tourism and marketing.

"When they do their internal due diligence then we will go from there but we haven't discussed yet as to [the Philippines] being a source market but we will see if it comes through," Tenorio said.

## Medical referral

Sablan said that projection for outbound passengers will be good because Century Travel



Arago



Fletcher

## TDHC

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why their license should not be suspended or cancelled has been filed and the hearing will be held on July 1.

Maratita also said that the commission continues to work with Tinian Dynasty in addressing their issues relating to "non-compliance" and the many challenges it faces with respect to the federal government, including issues with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"However, the commission requires compliance and cannot compromise the requirements of the [Tinian] Gaming Act, especially with respect to the integrity of the gaming industry, integrity of gaming operations, and integrity of persons involved, such as applicants and licensees," she said.

Earlier the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network—FinCEN—assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$75 million against the owner of Tinian Dynasty for "willful and egregious violations" of the Bank Secrecy Act.

Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, owner of Tinian Dynasty, failed to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program to ensure ongoing compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act.

"Perhaps if the Dynasty was fully compliant with the Tinian Gaming Act and its regulations, the Dynasty may have been compliant with FinCEN requirements and the April 2013 raid may not have happened," Maratita said.

The fine was a result of what was uncovered in a raid that was conducted on Tinian Dynasty in April 2013 by the Internal Revenue Services and other federal agencies. They found that Tinian Dynasty did not file Cash Transactions Reports (CTRs)

and Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) and did not have an anti-money laundering program.

Requirements to file CTRs for \$10,000 and over, SARs, and an anti-money laundering program are based on federal laws and regulations, specifically the Bank Secrecy Act and its regulations.

"I believe that the Tinian gaming law and regulations provide much of the needed protection in ensuring the integrity of gaming operations...I began working for the commission after that incident [the raid] on May 5, 2013, so I really cannot tell what the commission did pre-2013," Maratita.

However, Maratita said that what they have done since is that the commission directed her to work on compliance with Tinian Dynasty, especially due to the recent IRS raid and ensure that the laws are being followed.

As a result, the commission began focusing on making sure that the licensing requirements were followed both in licensing their vendors and employees.

"In addition, the Dynasty was also directed to have an operational review conducted in order to determine the extent of their compliance per the Gaming Act and then to develop an action plan on how to bring about compliance," Maratita said.

As a result of the review, numerous deficiencies were discovered and because Tinian Dynasty didn't have a competent casino management team, it was directed to hire a company to assist in ensuring the casino received the direction it needed to work on corrective measures addressing the deficiencies.

"A primary component of these measures include an anti-money laundering program. The Dynasty has since employed the services of Spectrum Gaming and they have begun evaluating compliance issues and should be coming up with a compliance action plan very soon," she said.

## TAX CHECKS

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the store accommodated quite a number of residents using the checks on Saturday.

She said this is probably because the banks are close on weekends. The on-duty staff also said canned goods and basic food items seem to be the most popular item on the grocery lists of the customers using the check.

At Joeten Shopping Center in Garapan, customers using the tax checks came in trickles. A Joeten staff explained that the store first verifies the check

from the government through a supervisor before it can be used.

In other stores, customers need to spend at least 10 percent of the amount on the check to be able to shop. For instance, a customer with a \$1,000 check needs to spend at least \$100 to be able to shop.

A 45-year-old Garapan resident, meanwhile, said he already received a child tax check over the weekend and plans to deposit it once the banks open on a weekday.

## Follow up

Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, meanwhile, said her depart-

ment "is grateful to our taxpayers for their patience."

"If you do not receive your tax check by July 17, please stop by the Division of Revenue and Taxation as there may be an error that needs correcting," Larson said.

The official added that, "this also applies to anyone waiting for a tax check from calendar year 2013 and/or earlier. There is most likely an error that needs correcting in order to process and release those checks as well."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos also released a statement saying he is "pleased to share that the De-

partment of Finance has mailed out the first batch of child tax checks and will continue to do so for the next batches."

Inos is also advising residents to call or visit the Finance department's Division of Revenue and Taxation "to clear any errors."

The Finance department earlier said it is currently processing the next batch of refunds, rebates, and child tax credit funds that will be approximately \$3.3 million to close to 5,000 taxpayers.

This batch will be released to those taxpayers who filed their returns by March 31, 2015.



# Regulators still studying BSI offer on training



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Local author Riza Ramos, center, donated a copy of her second book "Germ Stopper Boy: The Clean Hands Hero!" to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Acting JKPL director Erlinda Naputi, second from right, says more copies will be donated to the state library soon.

## Local author Riza Ramos donates new book to JKPL

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Local author Riza Ramos recently donated a copy of her new book "Germ Stopper Boy: The Clean Hands Hero!" to the CNMI's state library in Susupe.

According to Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's acting director Erlinda Naputi, Ramos donated a single copy of the book last Friday.

She said additional copies of the book are on order from a publishing house in New York.

"Additional copies will be donated to the library in the coming weeks," Naputi said.

"Germ Stopper Boy: The Clean Hands Hero!" is the second book by Ramos. She

also wrote "The Boy Who Dreamed to Be With His Parents on Saipan."

"Germ Stopper Boy" is illustrated by Rodante Guarda and edited by Walt Goodridge.

It features Little Eman who doesn't understand why he always has to wash his hands. One day, when he learns something cool at school, it makes him want to become a superhero in his home. Children will want to find out how they can become superheroes too.

The book, classified as Juvenile Fiction under Health & Daily Living, is published and distributed by Riza Ramos Books. Its e-book version is available for online ordering at <http://www.rizar-amosbooks.com>.

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Casino Commission is still studying an offer from Best Sunshine International, Ltd. regarding the possibility of a joint training session.

BSI has set up a training school at the fourth floor of the Bank of Guam building in Garapan. This is in preparation of the opening of a temporary casino right across the street at the DFS Galleria.

"We have no decision yet if our staff will avail of the training," commissioner Justin S. Manglona said.

Manglona, who also serves as the commission's secretary, said he and the other commissioners

have yet to sit down to discuss the training.

Manglona, however, said for its own requirements, the casino commission "needs to upgrade the status of the various positions (for the commission's office), after what we learned from the training in Las Vegas."

He said the casino commission has not yet completed the hiring process of its staff, although the commission now has its own office at the second floor of the XO Market building in Gualo Rai. For a few months, the casino commission occupied one of the offices at the Governor's Office building at Capital Hill.

Manglona said the commission is set to hold a meeting in

its own office this Friday.

### Still hiring

Back in May, BSI said it is looking to interview more applicants for the temporary casino. In one single week, BSI said it interviewed 400 applicants.

The latest figure BSI gave was it already has 100 employees, 30 of whom are local residents.

BSI officials also disclosed that at the end of the interview process, some 600 positions are expected to be filled.

BSI earlier said it is eyeing to hire 500 trainees for the temporary live training facility and it is prioritizing locals for the job openings.

Any training will also be open to the regulators, BSI said.

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## Police find no foul play behind death of man at hotel terrace

Police did not find foul play behind the death of a 29-year-old Chinese man who was recently found dead on the terrace of the second floor of the 18-story Grandvrio Resort on Saipan.

The Garapan hotel was formerly called Hafadai Beach Hotel.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that the victim's death has been ruled a suicide.

Deleon Guerrero did not elaborate because it's a suicide.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong also confirmed it's a suicide, but he too did not release other details.



Deleon Guerrero

On June 12 at 6:26am, police responded to Grandvrio Resort after receiving report about a possible dead person.

Upon arrival, police met with witnesses and hotel's staff who came across the victim, who was found on the terrace area of the second floor.

The victim had no pulse and not breathing when police came.

Tarkong earlier said police learned the victim's name, but his name will

not be released pending notification of the next of kin.

The victim was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center, where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Jeremy Seelinger at 8:43am. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



# Govt moves to dismiss ex-Ranger's amended suit over handguns ban

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REPORTER

Department of Public Safety  
Commissioner James C. Deleon  
Guerrero and Department of Fi-

nance Secretary Larissa Larson  
are moving the federal court to  
dismiss the amended complaint

filed by former U.S. Army  
Ranger Paul Michael Murphy,  
who seeks a court ruling that

would allow him to possess  
firearms, including handguns,  
for the purpose of self-defense  
in the CNMI.

Defendants Deleon Guerrero  
and Larson, through counsel as-  
sistant attorney general James  
M. Zarones, asserted that Mur-  
phy should not be allowed to  
invoke the jurisdiction of the  
federal court in a case premised  
upon the violation of the Second  
Amendment without first dem-  
onstrating that he is entitled to  
possess firearms under both fed-  
eral and Commonwealth law.

In Deleon Guerrero and Lar-  
son's motion to dismiss filed on  
Friday, Zarones said the court  
should dismiss the complaint  
for lack of subject matter juris-  
diction because Murphy cannot  
establish standing.

If the court finds that plaintiff  
Murphy has standing, Zarones  
said, then the court should dis-  
miss the complaint for failure to  
state a claim upon which relief  
may be granted.

Early this month, the court  
recently found as moot Deleon  
Guerrero and Larson's motion  
to dismiss Murphy's second  
amended lawsuit over the al-  
leged confiscation of his fire-  
arms and ammunition in 2007.

In denying the motion to dis-  
miss, U.S. District Court for  
the NMI Chief Judge Ramona  
V. Manglona said the day after  
Deleon Guerrero and Larson  
filed the motion, Murphy had  
a non-party serve his summons  
and second amended complaint  
on the two officials.

"It appears that service has  
now been perfected," Manglona  
said.

In defendants' other motion to  
dismiss filed on Friday, Zarones  
said Murphy's failure to allege  
his eligibility to possess fire-  
arms deprives him of standing  
because the court cannot be as-  
sured that a favorable ruling will  
redress his grievances.

Zarones said Murphy wishes  
to hold Deleon Guerrero and  
Larson liable in their personal  
capacities, but that he has failed  
to allege a single fact, which  
would allow the court to con-  
clude that either of the defen-  
dants violated his rights.

The lawyer pointed out that  
Murphy has alleged nothing  
more the denial of a firearm  
identification card and did not  
indicate a reason for such denial.

"The Commonwealth, like  
many other states and territo-  
ries, regularly denies citizens  
firearm identifications, or their  
equivalents, for a variety of per-  
fectly legal reasons," he said.

Last April, Manglona granted  
the CNMI government's motion  
to dismiss Murphy's \$5-million  
lawsuit.

Manglona, however, allowed  
Murphy to file a second amend-  
ed complaint.

In a pro se complaint or with-  
out a lawyer, Murphy, who is  
now a teacher, also asked the  
court to repeal the CNMI Weap-  
ons Control Act and all associ-  
ated legislation, licensing, taxa-  
tion, recording, administration,  
and processing.

Murphy said DPS withheld  
all his firearms and ammuni-  
tion until the issuance of a  
firearms, ammunition, and ex-  
plosive identification card on  
Sept. 20, 2007.

## 61 students receive AHLEI certification after completing program

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REPORTER

Sixty-one high school stu-  
dents and graduates received  
globally recognized certifica-  
tions after completing train-  
ing under the Latte Training  
Academy.

Students who completed  
the spring 2015 American  
Hotel & Lodging Educational  
Institute's (AHLEI) Skills,  
Tasks and Results Training  
(START) Program were  
recognized at a ceremony  
held at the Marianas High  
School Gymnasium last  
week.

Some who were not able to

complete the whole program  
were given a different kind of  
certificate as well.

A total of 18 students  
from Kagman High School,  
25 from MHS, and 22 from  
Saipan Southern High School  
were recognized which were  
a mix of those from the junior  
and senior classes.

"Opportunities are the plat-  
form of experience. Latte  
Academy is my opportunity  
to explore hospitality," Chel-  
sea Fama of Marianas High  
School said in her speech.

According to LTA exclu-  
sive provider Island Train-  
ing Solutions president  
Jim Arenovski, hiring their

graduates is a better risk for  
employers.

"The employers on the is-  
land, the hotels, the restau-  
rants, they want people that  
are dedicated, those who  
would show up on work on  
time, these are the kids who  
would do that," Arenovski  
said.

"Hiring one of our gradu-  
ates is such a better risk than  
hiring somebody off the street  
who hasn't invested any  
time," he added.

To complete the program  
and get certified, students  
had to dedicate approxi-  
mately 180 hours of reading,  
classroom and shadowing

sessions on top of their nor-  
mal school hours.

According to Arenovski,  
they are now open for Fall  
2015 Hotel & Hospitality  
Certification Course. They  
are also planning to open up  
the program to schools in Ti-  
nian and Rota that are under  
the Public School System.

The AHLEI trainings are  
recognized globally through-  
out as providing cutting edge  
skills development to par-  
ticipants. Aside from general  
practices, it also provides  
participants with job specific  
skill sets for guest services,  
food and beverage, and room  
attendants.



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Eighteen students from Kagman High School receive AHLEI certificates after completing their training program under Latte Training Academy. Other students from Marianas High School and Saipan Southern High School received certificates as well.



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#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

##### BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) by no later than Friday, July 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
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Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., JULY 24, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

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#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

##### TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-002-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

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## Ex-Joeten cashier arrested for allegedly stealing money and taking items

Police arrested on Friday a woman who, as then a cashier at Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe, allegedly stole money from the store and took items that a customer forgot.

Marlena Bonita Taitano Castro, 20, was arrested for theft.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$10,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for June 29 at 9am.

The Office of the Public Defender was appointed as counsel for Castro.

Police detective Daniel T. Joab stated in his report that on Feb. 20, 2015, a manager at Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe called the police about a theft case.

Joab said the responding police officer learned that Castro as a then-cashier at Joeten was caught taking money from the store during transactions with customers.

Security staff apparently caught Castro on surveillance camera several times receiving money from customers, punching the items in the register but deleting the transactions.

Castro allegedly had been tak-

ing money from the store from the date she was hired to the day of her termination on Feb. 11, 2015. There was no mention of the date she was hired.

Joab said police conducted a follow-up investigation last May 11, during which the Joeten manager provided a police detective 83 surveillance footages of Castro's stealing while being a cashier.

The detective was also provided a list of amount of items that were not scanned on the cash register, transaction that was voided, and money worth \$2,589.93 that was taken.

During a May 12 interview with police, Castro allegedly admitted to committing the theft incidents.

The detective played the 83 recorded surveillance footages before Castro, who allegedly admitted to what she did.

Police said Castro admitted to keeping the customer's money, not ringing up (recording) the sale, taking money, voiding ticket, giving free items to customer, payment that did not go into cash drawer, taking items that customer forgot, and pocketing cash. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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As soon as I step foot in Singapore's airport... oh boy... it was huge, the floors are as shiny as glass. It is so beautiful inside and there are lots of fresh garden plants attached on the walls. Inside the airport there are coconut trees that look so real, they are tall and big. I have seen a lot of huge industries like hotels, business offices and high rise buildings. It is so amazing to see an integrated resort because they have many hotels surrounded by theme parks. There are lots of places to go to and so many rides you can choose from. People like families, friends or groups are enjoying so much and so do I. A lot of people are shopping, dining at various restaurants, doing selfies and taking pictures. I also noticed that there are lots of huge buildings in the city but it is surrounded with huge old trees and nice gardens. It is green everywhere, it is so beautiful, and trees are preserved. I wished that our beautiful islands can also be like Singapore.

*Presicilla Pangelinan, Singer/Entertainer and Traditional Artist*



Having seen and researched on Marina Bay Sands and Resorts World Sentosa's integrated resorts in Singapore valued at near \$10 billion for the two properties and juxtaposed against the development cost proposed by Best Sunshine at \$7.1 billion has really put into context how enormous an undertaking this project is and will be. It would behoove the Government to take a more hands on approach in the overall right size of the integrated resort for Saipan and take every step to exploit all revenue streams available to maximize the CNMI's opportunity of expanding our tourism mix such as Meetings Incentives Conferences & Exhibitions (M.I.C.E), gaming-entertainment, and attractions that would benefit our overall economy.

*Alex Sablan, President, Saipan Chamber of Commerce*





# Consultant starts work on military's draft EIS

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REPORTER

Dentons US LLC has started work on the review of a draft environmental impact statement for proposed military activities.

The contract was signed last week and was worth \$235,000, according to Press Secretary Ivan Blanco.

Blanco said Matthew Adams signed the contract on behalf of Dentons and its partner, Environmental Science Associates, while Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed on behalf of the government.

Representatives of Dentons and ESA will be making their initial trip to the Northern Mariana Islands at the end of June, but have already begun work on collaborating with CNMI departments on comments for submission to the Department of Defense.

Following the extension of the comment period, the new deadline for submission of comments on the CJMT draft EIS is Aug. 4, 2015.

A statement on Friday said the administration, "through a multi-step evaluation process and in accordance with CNMI Procurement Regulations under the Expedited Purchase Clause, has signed and completed the Independent Services Contract."

Dentons is a global law firm based in San Francisco and is widely recognized as the largest law firm in the U.S.

Dentons holds a unique specialty in environmental law meriting awards from the American Bar Association for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy.

The firm's environmental law practice features more than 80

specialists such as environmental lawyers, policy advisors, and cultural resource specialists.

The Dentons team is led by Nicholas Yost, who previously served as General Counsel of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, where he was the lead draftsman of the National Environmental Policy Act's implementing regulations.

ESA is a full-service, multidisciplinary environmental, engineering, and planning consulting firm with a staff of more than 350 professionals.

ESA has reviewed more than 5,000 environmental documents for compliance with NEPA, the federal Clean Water Act, the federal Endangered Species Act, and other state and federal environmental quality regulations.

"The CJMT draft EIS is a very intensive document which

requires technical skills in not only biological, ecological and economic expertise, but also a fine understanding of the legal aspects of the NEPA law," said Inos in a statement.

According to the request for proposal, the selected firm is expected to conduct a thorough review of the CJMT Draft DEIS, produce fact sheets, and a legible breakdown of the contents for the public, conduct public hearings alongside the administration to disseminate information, and gain important community feedback.

The firm is additionally going to work with the various departments of the CNMI government in the development and final submission of the administration's comments.

The administration continues to encourage residents to provide their comments and/or

concerns on the U.S. military live-fire plans for Tinian and Pagan.

To learn how to submit your comment online visit: <http://www.cnmijointmilitarytrainings.com/get-involved>

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), meanwhile, said he applauds the administration "for its swift action in putting out the RFP for this project."

"The draft EIS/OEIS is a very intricate set of documents that

needs to be thoroughly scrutinized as the magnitude of the proposals stand to drastically alter the economic landscape of the CNMI," Demapan said.

However, the lawmaker said he still "strongly believes that the people of the Commonwealth were short-changed by the military's decision to only grant a 60-day reprieve instead of the 180 days requested by the governor and supported by the Legislature."

## Man arrested for allegedly pointing machete to neck of man who gave him ride

Benzi Edward Ngeskebei was arrested again on Saturday midnight, this time for allegedly holding a 14-inch long machete to a neck of a man who gave him a car ride in Chalan Kanoa.

At a hearing yesterday, citing the seriousness of the charges, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho increased to \$10,000 cash bail from the original \$6,500 cash bail imposed on Ngeskebei.

Ngeskebei, 29, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The Office of the Public Defender was appointed to represent the defendant. Preliminary hearing will be on June 30 at 1:30pm. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that police officers responded to Chalan Kanoa on Saturday midnight after receiving a call that Ngeskebei was holding a knife to another person's neck in the intersection of As Perdido and Texas Road.

Two police officers saw the vehicle on the eastbound lane by the intersection into Texas Road with its hazard light turned on.

As one officer drove closer to the vehicle, he saw Ngeskebei walking on the road. The officer approached Ngeskebei and secured him in handcuffs for safety purposes.

A man later identified as Joseph Leon Guerrero got out of the parked car and yelled at the officers to arrest Ngeskebei because he tried to cut him with a machete.

Leon Guerrero's girlfriend then got out from the car's passenger door.

Leon Guerrero dropped to the ground the machete that the defendant used.

Leon Guerrero had scratches on the right arm, but he refused medical treatment.

According to Leon Guerrero, he got home around midnight in Koblerville when Ngeskebei asked him to drop

him to Chalan Kanoa.

The report did not mention whether Leon Guerrero is related to the defendant.

Leon Guerrero and his girlfriend agreed to drop off the defendant to Chalan Kanoa.

As they reached the As Perdido traffic light, Leon Guerrero and Ngeskebei got into a heated argument about poker, drugs, and gambling issues.

As the car approached the intersection into Texas Road, Ngeskebei, who was sitting in the back of the car, stood over Leon Guerrero, took a machete and told him bad words.

When Leon Guerrero saw the machete, he slammed on the brakes and grabbed the machete and pinned it against the steering wheel.

The defendant allegedly started hitting Leon Guerrero's head with his elbow. Leon Guerrero told him he would not call the police if he just let go of the machete.

During the struggle, Leon Guerrero's wife, who was sitting on the front passenger seat, called the police.

Ngeskebei then let go of the machete and started apologizing to Leon Guerrero. Ngeskebei got out of the car and was walking away when police arrived.

Leon Guerrero said he could smell odor of alcoholic beverage from Ngeskebei, who, according to him, also looked like high on drugs at that time.

In September 2013, police arrested Ngeskebei for allegedly repeatedly striking his sister with a baseball bat and punching her at their residence in Koblerville.

Police said the sister managed to escape by jumping out from their window, tearing the screen. Injured, the victim ran to Turnkey Housing where she called the police.

The victim told police that Ngeskebei got mad after their mother could not give him money. After learning that their mother left the house, the defendant allegedly started beating his sister. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## LibDay Committee looking for more volunteers



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Eight young volunteers helping with the 2015 Liberation Day Committee preparation and festivities hold up this year's official banner and logo. Interested applicants are invited to join and apply.

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The 2015 Liberation Day Committee is seeking more volunteers for Liberation Day preparation and celebration this week, which includes the festivities that will kick off this Saturday.

Skywalker Communications Group public relations manager Kiki Chen said that there are seven categories that interested applicants can look at for volunteering. After their volunteer time, recognition including a certificate indicating their volunteer hours will be presented to them.

The seven categories for volunteers include booth, carnivals, promotions, parade, grand opening, sponsors, and

entertainment.

"This can help those students at Northern Marianas College seeking to put in their volunteer hours for their community service or those students who will be attending school year for this year include it into their community service credits," Chen said.

However, there won't be any cash initiatives at this time, but discussions are still ongoing whether payment will be provided.

"They can just pick up the application they want and chose from the different categories that they would like to volunteer in," Chen said.

Chen said that it is an opportunity for them to walk away at the end of the festivities with a certi-

fication and hands-on experience.

Alice Igitol, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council vice chair and director for the volunteers for 2015 Liberation Day Committee, said that food and drinks will be available to the volunteers such as lunch and dinner during their volunteer hours.

In related news, the Liberation Day committee will be holding a meeting for vendors at 6pm today at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The meeting is open for both applicants and interested applicants.

June 25 is the last day to turn in applications for concession booths.

There will also be a separate meeting at the Marianas Busi-

ness Plaza at the Skywalkers office at 6pm for the volunteers, both applicants and interested applicants.

The 2015 Liberation Day Carnival grounds will open on June 27 and will run 6pm-10pm Mondays to Thursdays, 6pm-11pm on Fridays, 10am to 11pm on Saturdays and 10am to 10pm on Sundays.

The parade is set for July 4 with participants expected to be on site by 7am, while the parade kicks off at Quartermaster Road around 9am. It will go toward the carnival grounds at the Garapan Fishing Base.

For more information, call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208 or the Skywalker Communications office at 234-7942 or email [ldcnmi@gmail.com](mailto:ldcnmi@gmail.com).



# DPL requested to submit report on lease payments

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The Department of Public Lands is being requested to provide lawmakers a report on the leases that it has entered into during the last five years.

In a budget hearing last week, DPL Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio said his department will “work on the compiled figures” and send the report to lawmakers.

Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (R-Saipan) requested the report which will also include how much the leases were and how much have been expended from these funds.

Tenorio explained that after an investor pays the lease, the payments are not immediately given to the Marianas Public Land Trust. There has to be an audit first, and after manage-

ment costs have been deducted, the surplus is then remitted to the MPLT.

Ogumoro earlier questioned the DPL on the MPLT remittances.

Tenorio, however, said the DPL has “records” and it has been “remitting regularly.” He said some \$8 million has already been remitted to the MPLT over the last three years.

Aside from the leases, Ogumoro is also requesting a detailed report on the Managaha Island landing fees. The DPL serves as “trustee” of these funds, which are collected from tourist visiting the island.

Tenorio said the DPL will provide a report for 2014 and 2015 regarding the Managaha landing fees.

Ogumoro is a staunch critic of the DPL.

Last week, she issued a statement on a proposed legislation wanting to abolish the DPL and establishing in its place the Marianas Lands Corp. with a board of trustees.

Ogumoro said “since its inception, DPL has been operating and making independent decisions directly related to the management and disposition of public lands—such as public land leases and village homestead development—without the presence, input, advice of, or voting by the Public Lands Advisory Board as required by Public Law 15-2.”

The lawmaker earlier said she is “troubled that DPL has been withholding funds derived from public land leases, which should have been remitted to the Marianas Public Land Trust to invest for the benefit of persons of Northern Marianas descent.”

# Regional law enforcement network presented in CNMI



Special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman, right, and U.S. Attorney's Office national security specialist Joseph Quitano present the Marianas Regional Fusion Center's Marianas Law Enforcement Regional Information Network to CNMI stakeholders at a training session held at Kanoa Resort last week.

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The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services introduced to members of the community a network that aims to help in law enforcement and first response.

The Marianas Regional Fusion center's website was shown to stakeholders of the Commonwealth at the workforce development training last week.

It was presented by Marvin Seman, special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Joseph Quitano, U.S Attorney's Office National Security specialist.

“The Marianas Regional Fusion center which is located in Guam is the 78<sup>th</sup> recognized fusion center in the nation. It is the most western fusion center and

it encompasses the Pacific Region,” Seman said.

“The importance of the fusion center is it allows us, the various partners including the community and the private sector, to share information about concerns and issues relating to our homeland security,” he added.

According to Seman, the Marianas Law Enforcement Regional Information Network or MLRIN is a network where information about various issues relating to crimes, environment, hazards, and others can be shared. It was established to combine personnel and investigative resources to the Mariana Island region.

“It's a place where we have dedicated individuals that work and analyze this information to better equip and better provide resources to the local law en-

forcement,” Seman said.

MLRIN also provides comprehensive intelligence products that give public safety officials a vital regional picture of trends and patterns relating to terrorist operations and other criminal activities. It also serves as the Joint Terrorism Task Force for Mariana Islands Region

Aside from agencies in the CNMI, participating agencies of the fusion center include the Guam Police Department, Department of Corrections Officers, Attorney General's Office, as well as federal agencies like Andersen Air Force Base Security Officers, Naval Base Guam Security Officers, U.S. Marshals, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Coast Guard Investigation Services, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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### Manufacturing a crisis

It's a crisis that need not—and should not—occur. The Dominican Republic, already poised to deport hundreds of thousands of Haitian migrants who it claims are in the country illegally, could also end up shipping native-born Dominicans of Haitian descent across the border too. That would be especially despicable and heartless; the mere idea has rightfully drawn international condemnation.

Countries are free to define whom they do and do not consider citizens, and, for that matter, who can live within their borders. But Dominican law formerly declared anyone born in the country, regardless of the immigration status of their parents, to be a citizen. That was significant for the children of Haitian immigrants, most of whom had come to work in the nation's sugar cane fields, private homes and small factories.

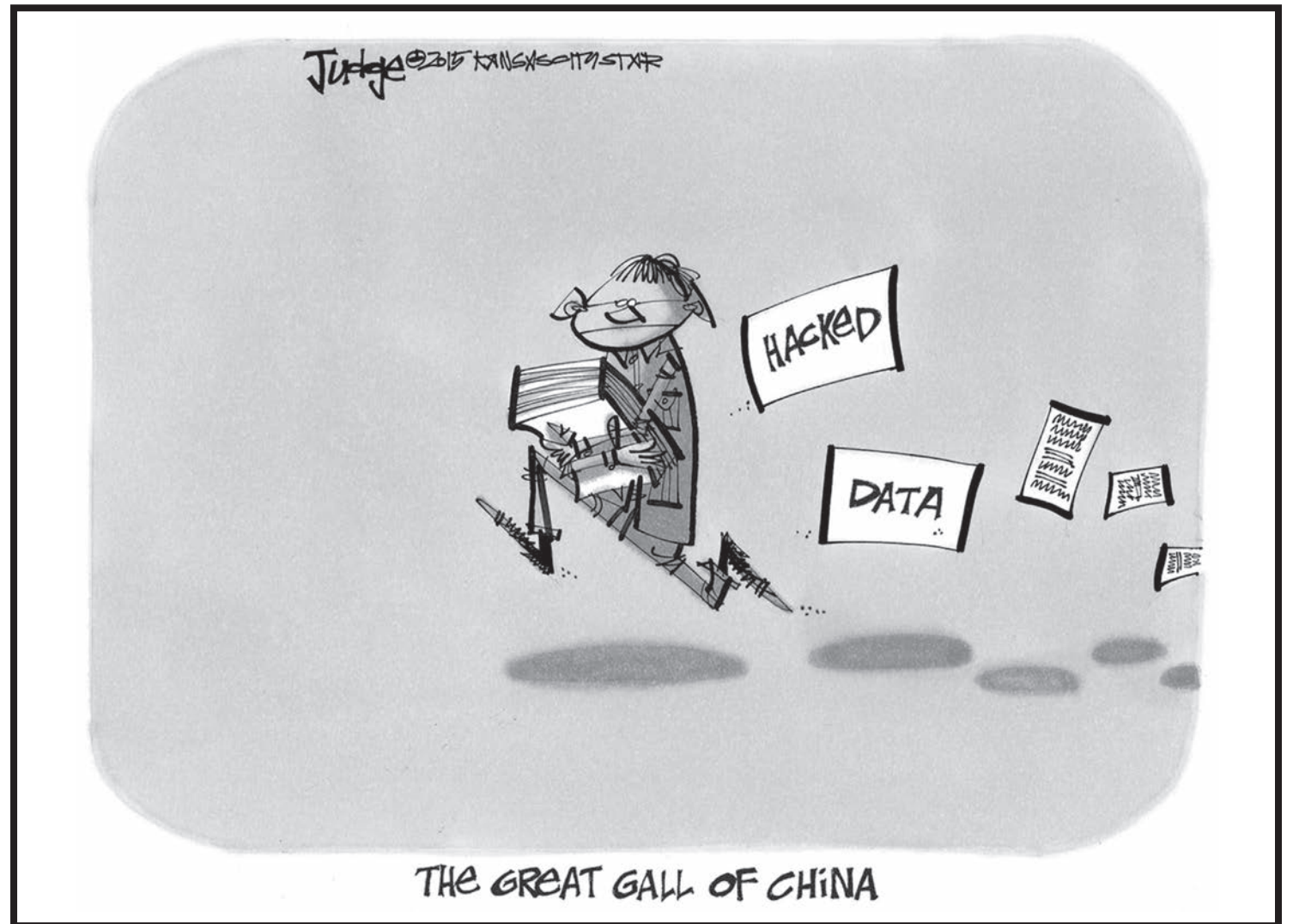
Then a 2010 constitutional amendment was passed, limiting Dominican citizenship to children of legal immigrants, or those who had at least one parent of Dominican ancestry. In an appallingly unjust decision, the Dominican Constitutional Court ruled in 2013 that the definition applied retroactively to 1929, threatening to render tens of thousands of Dominican-born residents stateless. Under international pressure, the legislature passed a law a year later establishing a path to citizenship, but the barriers it created were high.

So what will happen now? Last year, the government ordered all of its more than 500,000 foreign-born workers—overwhelmingly Haitian—to register if they wanted to remain in the country. Those who failed to do so now face deportation. It is unclear what will become of those people who were born on Dominican soil to Haitian parents.

Human rights activists say the situation is framed by the two nations' long-fractious history, marked by economic disparity and racism. In 1937, Dominican strongman Rafael Trujillo's troops killed as many as 20,000 Haitians at the border, a purge that weighs bitterly in Haitian memory. More recently, Human Rights Watch has reported periodic immigration sweeps in which thousands of people were rounded up and herded to the border, often based on little more than skin color. (Most Haitians are descended from African slaves.) Last week, government officials were sending mixed signals on the possibility of new roundups, and those affected by the retroactive citizenship rule fear they too will be deported.

That would be a tragedy. After a lifetime in the Spanish-speaking Dominican Republic, few speak Creole or French, the languages of Haiti, and many don't qualify for citizenship in Haiti either. Even if they did, the country is unable to house and care for its existing population. The Dominican government should heed international calls to abandon this program, and avoid adding to the woes of the world.

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## Obama tinkers with failed Islamic State strategy

One of the most frustrating aspects of President Barack Obama's "strategy" to degrade and destroy Islamic State in Iraq is that he seems to grasp why it isn't working. Yet he refuses to take the obvious steps needed to fix it (and I don't mean sending thousands of American ground troops). Instead, he only tinkers with a strategy that has failed.

U.S. officials rightly want the Iraqis to do the fighting against Islamic State, helped by U.S. trainers and coalition air strikes.

Last week, the president decided to send 450 more U.S. military trainers and support troops to a new base in Anbar province, an Islamic State stronghold. There are already 3,100 U.S. troops in Iraq involved in retraining the Iraqi army, which collapsed a year ago when the jihadis overran Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul.

Despite intense efforts by U.S. trainers, however, the Iraqi army is incapable of defeating Islamic State now or in the foreseeable future.

There are Iraqis, however—Kurdish peshmerga and Sunni tribal fighters—who are eager and able to fight Islamic State. U.S. officials are now working closely with the Kurds. But they are giving Iraqi Sunni leaders far too little help.

Instead, the White House has been focused on rebuilding the Iraqi army, which is a very dubious proposition at best. That's because Iraq's armed forces have been effectively destroyed three times in a little over a decade.

The first time was in 2003 by the Bush administration, which dismissed the entire army wholesale, driving many angered officers to join the jihadis; the second by former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who packed the officer corps with corrupt and sectarian Shiites. And Iran is now destroying the remnants of Iraq's security forces by arming and training Iraqi Shiite militias that are gobbling up the army from the inside.

The obvious problems with the army are a prime reason why the administration now stresses that driving Islamic State from Iraq will take a long time. "We have conceived a three-year plan and we're nine months into it," said Deputy Secretary of State Anthony Blinken in early June.

For Iraq, three years might as well be a lifetime. Sunni sheikhs in Anbar and around Mosul, under heavy assault from Islamic State, can't wait three years for the weapons and air support they so desperately need.

"We don't need the training. We have no time; we need to act now," says one retired Iraqi army officer with close connections to tribal leaders. "When it takes so long, it will be really hard to take back the territory from ISIS, and we will pay much more."

So the administration needs a Sunni strategy, and quickly. U.S. officials seem to get this but have yet to act on what they know.

Earlier this month, Obama stressed that "a big part of the answer is our outreach to Sunni tribes. ... We've seen Sunni tribes who are not only willing ... to fight (Islamic State) but have been successful. But it has not been happening as fast as it needs to."

The president added that he hoped the Iraqi parliament would pass a much-awaited National Guard law that would permit the Sunnis to set

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up provincial fighting forces under the loose umbrella of the Iraqi army. He referred back to how Sunni tribes helped defeat al-Qaida in Iraq in Anbar (the precursor to Islamic State) during the last decade. "Without that kind of local participation," the president added, "it's very hard to hold those areas."

On this, Obama is correct.

There is very little chance, however, that the National Guard law will be passed in Baghdad, because Iran opposes it and has pressed its allies in the Iraqi parliament to freeze it.

In the meantime, the administration insists on funneling all arms for Sunni tribes through Baghdad, where Iran's Shiite proxies ensure that the Sunnis never receive them.

U.S. officials have encouraged Sunnis to join the army or even work with certain Shiite militias. But, says Richard Welch, a retired Special Forces colonel who spent more than six years working with Sunni tribal leaders in Iraq, the Sunnis will only "work with people they trust. They want to defend their own areas."

Tribal leaders also want reassurance they won't be mistreated by Shiite militias that have brutally cleansed Sunni civilians from areas where they have fought. This has driven many in Anbar to support the jihadis.

So how can Washington convince Sunnis to battle Islamic State? I asked Welch, and also the retired Iraqi officer. They made three points:

First, lean on Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to rein in Shiite militias.

Second, if parliament blocks a National Guard law, work out a system by which Abadi can funnel needed arms to Sunni tribal fighters.

Third, if Washington is sending military advisers, don't keep them behind the wire, as at present. They should "be closer to the action," where they can call in air strikes, which are now only 25 percent effective. They can also check on intelligence and monitor use of U.S. weapons.

"If we want to build trust," says Welch, "we need to have nodes of advisers in each group—Iraqi army, peshmerga, and with Sunni leaders so we can build relations" and help prevent conflicts among them.

The alternative is to get sucked in step by step to an Iraq fight where there are no Iraqis on the ground who can defeat Islamic State.

"We're dribbling in there," says Welch, "while atrocities are going on and Iran is sending a steady stream" of advisers and weapons to Shiite militias. "No one is taking us seriously. No one believes we really want to stop what's going on there."

Do we? If so, the strategy must change.



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## Amid anger, comfort the grieving

**C**HARLESTON, S.C.—U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., came home Thursday to join in mourning the nine people at Emanuel AME Church who were gunned down during their Wednesday night prayer service.

But after he joined hundreds in a prayer vigil at nearby Morris Brown AME Church, Clyburn wasn't in the mood for conciliation.

Like so many other African-Americans in this history-laden seaport, he was angry.

Why, he wanted to know, would a white gunman target the most historic black church in South Carolina, a church that served as a bulwark of the civil rights movement and gave birth to one of the most ambitious slave insurrection plots in American history?

"If this young man committed a haphazard act," the veteran congressman said, "that's one thing. But if he sought this church out, if he saw the history of this church, I want to know how he picked this church. Because I think that will determine what kind of discussion we need to have."

This is uncomfortable territory for all of us. But Emanuel's history and significance isn't something the suspect, Dylann Storm Roof, a 21-year-old white man living some two hours away, would be expected to know without careful research.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church has long been one of the most important — arguably the most important — institution serving black communities in South Carolina. And Emanuel, whose roots stretch back to 1816, is its spiritual heart.

The congregation has survived everything from an earthquake to repeated closures by white antebellum authorities angered by its insistence on offering literacy to its parishioners. One of its members, Denmark Vesey, struck terror in the hearts of whites throughout the Carolinas when authorities in 1822 discovered and snuffed out a planned revolt that could have involved thousands of slaves.

Emanuel was burned to the ground. The congregation rebuilt, and continued its activism. By the time of the civil rights movement, it was only natural that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. would visit "Mother Emanuel" as he sought to organize blacks in the Palmetto State.

When I was a kid attending our much smaller AME church about 45 miles west of Charleston, you always heard about some important conference or gathering at Emanuel. Its preachers sounded like royalty to us. Later, as a student at the College of Charleston and then as a reporter for the Charleston Post and Courier, I found that it was just a fact of local life that Emanuel represented the epicenter of the black community.

Given all of that, African-Americans here are in no mood for talk of the shooting being simply the random, murderous actions of a psychotic loner.

Clyburn and others suspect this wasn't solely an attack on a church, or an attack on a black church — it was an act of war against the black community.

We naturally recoil from that kind of hot-blooded statement. At a time like this, we should first comfort the grieving, and look to tighten the bonds of interracial solidarity. Those are good, and right, things to do.

But given the details dribbling out about Roof's background, the darker questions won't be going away anytime soon.

Roof's Facebook profile picture shows him sporting a jacket with patches favored by white supremacists. He allegedly said to his black victims, "I have to do it. You rape our women and you're taking over our country. And you have to go."

Tensions are running high. Even as suntanned tourists strolled by, police were blocking off the historic district blocks around the crime scene at Emanuel. Several bomb threats at government buildings

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forced evacuations.

A few young protesters holding "Black Lives Matter" signs pounded African drums outside the vigil Thursday and shouted angry slogans. Inside, an interracial crowd of citizens and civic leaders prayed and sang "We Shall Overcome."

South Carolina's leaders had better recognize the delicate nature of this moment. When the state and national flags were lowered to half-staff Thursday at the state capitol, the Confederate battle flag was not.

Amid the pitched battles it took to get the flag moved from the Statehouse dome to the nearby Confederate soldier monument 15 years ago, the state legislature mandated that the flag must fly 30 feet above the monument's base—the better to prevent any meddling by anti-flag activists.

It would take an act of the legislature to lower it. Let's hope someone in the legislature has the good sense to make that happen.

When U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, a Charleston-area resident and former South Carolina governor, was asked on CNN if the state's troubled history on race relations might have anything to do with this shooting, he said no.

Clyburn thinks otherwise—and rightfully so. As he sees it, one man pulled the trigger inside Emanuel.

But that hate in his heart? It didn't grow on its own.

Clyburn wants answers. We all do.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Ignorance about marijuana

Lee Andersen can't be smart at all and has some nerve to attack Mr. Hemly and myself for simply promoting what the majority of Americans want and even the majority in the CNMI—legalization. I guess he didn't know that attacking us was going to expose his ignorance! His sarcastic remark that "it is a relief, a get-out-of-jail ticket for dopers" really shows how ignorant he is about marijuana. Didn't he know the President asked states to stop locking up people, especially our youth, for smoking marijuana—ignorance? Putting everyone who smokes in a group labeled "dopers" is a true display of ignorance and ugly stereotyping with an attempt to degrade an entire group of people from different races and different social statuses. I'm sure he doesn't label everyone who drinks as being an alcoholic. I can only pray for his sake that he can understand this simple analogy of his ignorance as he is still using the ancient language of the ignorant people who once believed that marijuana was bad because it was illegal—we know better now. FYI, Lee Andersen, you are figuratively a dinosaur living in modern times when it comes to marijuana and you are even behaving like one trying to eat up and/or destroy all the people who use it or want to use marijuana—how ignorant can you get!

There will always be opposition to any change and I can even respect opposition that is based on some facts, principles and morals. But a person shouting ugly ignorant rants about an entire group of people composed of our leaders, professionals, and average people from all walks of life must be eradicated like a diseased carrying pest. Lee doesn't like the taste of my letters because they have a bad reaction on his beliefs like roach spray does to pest figuratively. The funny thing for me is that he doesn't even have enough sense not to read my letters if he doesn't like them as he calls it "torture"—his ignorance is truly bliss (enjoyable) for him to subject himself to torture, prayers for him to stop reading my letters and suffering given he is inflicting pain upon himself because I know this one really hurts.

Complaining about me trying to get a job shows even more ignorance and hate as who can be against anyone trying make an honest living. If marijuana is legalized and I am fortunate to get a job in the industry it will be because I may be one of only a few in this entire region who is educated about marijuana and possesses the needed knowledge about the marijuana reforms initiated by the President of the United States. I would much rather be trying to do what the majority of Americans want, including the President than what Lee Andersen wants. In fact, he was more concerned with making sarcastic and signifying comments about me and Mr. Hemly but not a single word on how the CNMI is ever going to learn how to live with marijuana in our society. We can either learn how or continue to flounder fighting a ridiculous war against a natural growing herb

and human nature like Lee wants.

FYI Lee, your complaint about a quadriplegic with a medical condition who lost his job and lawsuit for smoking shows your ignorance and theirs. Marijuana is still against federal law and as long as it is against federal law any employer can demand their employees follow federal law. Ignorant people only complain but true citizens like Mr. Hemly and I are trying to do something to fix the problem for all of us and not just those with medical conditions. What are you doing to help the sick Lee, other than spouting your ugly opinions? Your ignorant complaint that marijuana causes brain damage is also being dispelled more and more every day as we now know that marijuana can actually increase and complement certain cognitive and physical functions—where have you been for the past two decades?

All Lee can think of is people being high when marijuana use is more about a way of life just like people use alcohol. When a judge goes home and takes a drink or two so they can relax from the stress of their job are you going to call them an alcoholic because everyone who uses marijuana are not smoking so they can be stone all day as you may think. I'm sure there are a lot of judges and professionals who would rather smoke than drink. So please stop showing your ignorance by calling everyone who smokes a "doper," which is slang for "drug user" because marijuana is not a drug it's a natural herb—talking about ignorance, you can have the cake and you get the prize for ignorance Lee.

Heck, Lee not only tried to group everyone into the same group as dopers who use marijuana he even tried to put Marijuana and "ice or crystal meth" into the same category—ridiculous. Everyone who knows anything about marijuana and ice will tell you that you are ignorant to say that as marijuana and ice are totally different with different addiction levels and effects. Lee's example of marijuana users turning to ice was clearly a result of "peer pressure" which is why education is the key to stopping the use of ice, not the ridiculousness of blaming marijuana which proves that some critics will say anything to complain but won't offer a single solution.

I hope and pray for your sake Lee Andersen that this will help you realize how ignorant you sound and how ridiculous you look to readers so please get educated through more objective means as your subjectivity is "shot to the curve" like we say in the Ebonics language of the ghetto. I will pray for you and please stop sending emails to the CNMI if you are not coming back to help the CNMI. We don't need your outside and non-commitment complaints we need solutions and you don't have a single one—adios!

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## Fuzzy thinking Ron

Ron Hodges, old buddy, gone soft in the brain have you? In your letter to the editor dated June 12, 2015, you stated, "The Covenant specifically promised the people here would have a similar standard of living or quality of life as residents of the U.S. mainland. THAT HAS CLEARLY NOT BEEN ACHIEVED."

What? Contrary to Ron's claim islanders did achieve a standard of living and quality of life much better in many respects than communities in the mainland with comparable populations and land mass. His letter to the editor seem to imply the Covenant, the feds, or something else is at fault. WRONG. The blame lies squarely on three decades of failed "leadership," incompetent, ill-taught, unprepared, greedy lawmakers and elected officials holding office only because of large family voting blocks and loyal partygoers all served-up free government jobs for playing the game every two election years.

When the garment industry took off in the mid-1980s followed by the money rolling in from Japanese, Korean, and Chinese investors, all those buggers up on the hill could think of was being big shots to stuff their pockets with free loot, pull down their wooden tin shacks for sprawling two-story concrete palaces, buy baht chains, brand new automobiles, hire maids, take their first ever off-island trip(s), chase white balls around the green, hook marlins from yachts and pile-up mounds of beer cans in yards and on beaches, daily. Did they attempt to correct all the problems Ron mentioned in his comments? Nuts. It's still as bad as it's ever been as I write. Here's the short list of what lawmakers failed to correct during those years of plenty: drug smoking, pushing and overdosing; burglaries, home invasions and dudes beating up their common-law wives regularly; thousands of waddling bumper bellies and ham-hock thighs; cardiac arrest, clogged arteries, diabetes, strokes and early deaths. I know, I know, it must've slipped your mind, Ron.

And the good ol' boys failed to pay their bills after they gave themselves and their loyal voters fat pay raises then plumped-up the Retirement Fund to lose that along the way as well. Then poof the bubble burst, the good times disappeared. After they blew through all that easy loot and bankrupted the government (taxpayers monies), they scrambled mightily to blame everything and everyone else but not themselves. The decrepit sewer system (i.e., the old brand of "leadership") still lives, nothing has changed, woe unto us. Yet all their knees are pressed tightly together in hopes the Saipan casino will be a success or its dooms day for all.

But I'm certain that's what you meant to say, Ron, and thanks for bringing it up.

**Lee Andersen**  
Via email



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers.  
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼79°

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
East winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼78°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼78°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough runs southeastward from 10N130E to a circulation centered southeast of Koror near 5N136E then turns eastward to pass through another weak circulation centered south of Chuuk near 3N154E before curving southeastward to end at EQ165E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring over portions of the Republic of Palau and Yap state south of a line from 11N130E to 7N143E to 1N149E farther east. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found southeast of Chuuk and southwest of Pohnpei between 6N and the equator from 152E to 157E. A surface trough stretches southward from 14N140E to 9N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located primarily northeast of Yap between 14N and 9N from 138E to 141E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands between 9N and 3N from 174E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲52	▼43
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲90	▼70
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼52
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
New York	Sunny	▲89	▼73
Osaka	Showers	▲83	▼69
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼50
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼65
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼53
San Francisco	Fog	▲62	▼53
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼66
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲78	▼69
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲94	▼77

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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
12:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
7:23 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	11:16 AM	11:43 PM
Wednesday	12:02 PM	
Thursday	12:49 PM	12:21 AM
Friday	1:37 PM	12:59 AM
Saturday	2:25 PM	1:39 AM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 28, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:45pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:45pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.								
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
			9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily	ROTA TO SAIPAN		
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily						
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						



# CUC will include EPA fines in this year's audit

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is expected to include the over \$30 million in fines owed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in this year's audit.

The EPA fines were not ac-

crued in last year's audit or even included in footnotes.

As of September 2014, CUC owes about \$33 million fines for violating "Stipulated Order No. 1." Most of these fines are for unfilled management positions.

The EPA, though, is not expected to collect on these fines. Last

year, \$40 million were waived from Stipulated Order No. 2.

Because CUC does not expect the current fines to be waived, they would need to accrue it as an expense and have an accrued liability just like their debts for the Commonwealth Development Authority and Common-

wealth Ports Authority.

But because EPA is not likely going to collect, they are expected to at least include the fines in their audit's footnotes.

EPA sets a \$1,000 per day per violation for the first 30 days CUC violates "Stipulated Order No. 1" requirements for man-

agement structure. EPA sets a \$2,000 per day per violation for the following 30 days. EPA sets \$5,000 per day per violation for each day thereafter.

CUC's deputy director position has been vacant since July 15, 2013, when director Alan Fletcher was promoted to executive di-

rector. The division manager for drinking water and wastewater position has been vacant since September 2014, and the technical manager for oil has been vacant since January 2015.

All these positions were or are required to be filled within 150 days.

## Bank of Guam donates \$2K for Guma' Simiyan Mañaina-ta

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA  
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REPORTER

Bank of Guam donated to the Guma' Simiyan Mañaina-ta that will be travelling this week to Guam for the 2015 Pa'a Taotao Tano Chamorro Dance Competition and Festival.

A \$2,000 check was given to the group last Friday by the bank's executives including general manager Marcie Tomokane.

"It's very heartwarming to know that they share a common passion for displaying our culture," Guma' Simiyan Mañaina-ta board chair Elaine Cabrera said.

"We're very grateful for the Bank of Guam and others for helping us," founder L.J. Castro said. To show appreciation and gratitude, the group performed several songs after the check presentation.

Guma' Simiyan Mañaina-ta is a non-profit organization that aims to give individuals an



Guma' Simiyan Mañaina-ta together with their founder L.J. Castro and board chair Elaine Cabrera receive a \$2,000 donation from Bank of Guam. The donation will be used for their expenses as they represent the CNMI in this year's Pa'a Taotao Tano Chamorro Dance Competition and Festival to be held in Guam.

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## Reedstrom named 2015 US Territories History Teacher of the Year

Mei Reedstrom, a teacher at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School on Saipan in the CNMI, has been named the 2015 U.S. Territories History Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Started in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school

through high school. The award honors one exceptional K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories.

A "National History Teacher of the Year" will be selected from this list of state winners and honored at a ceremony in New York City. Past presenters at the ceremony



Reedstrom

include First Lady Laura Bush, US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Reedstrom will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and the GTC Elementary School library will receive a core archive of history books and educational

materials from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Ms. Reedstrom will also receive an invitation to a 2016 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar, a weeklong program that offers teachers daily discussions with eminent historians, visits to historic sites, and hands-on work with primary sources.

Nominations can be made by a student, parent, colleague, supervisor, or other administrator familiar with the teacher's

work. To be considered for the 2016 award, teachers must be nominated by Feb. 1, 2016. For more information, visit [www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy).

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a New York-based national nonprofit devoted to the teaching and learning of American history. Gilder Lehrman draws on top scholars, an unparalleled collection of original historical documents, and a national network

of Affiliate Schools to create and provide a broad range of innovative resources, help new generations of students learn about American history in a way that is engaging and memorable, and promote critical thinking and excellent writing. The Institute's programs have been recognized by awards from the White House, the National Endowment of the Humanities, and the Organization of American Historians. (PR)

## CHCC to recruit new orthopedic surgeon

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is in need of an orthopedic surgeon and CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna said they are actively recruiting one to succeed its last orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Grant Walker.

"The recruitment and hiring process is still active here at CHCC. We might lose physicians but the reason for us actively recruiting is because we need to keep high quality care and having physicians coming in is necessary," Muna said.

Muna also said that the recruitment for physicians now is for a mid-level provider for Rota.

"We're actively recruiting and we've had recent hires that will be coming in the next

month. One [of these is an] internal medicine doctor. We will also have a new anesthesiologist here will be leaving. We are recruiting for ER (emergency room) and a full-time psychiatrist," she said.

"We actually have one orthopedic surgeon that we're looking at that is going through the recruitment process such as credentialing, licensing, and every thing else, but he is a likely candidate," she added.

CHCC has a total of 33 physicians. One on Rota, one on Tinian, one nephrologists, one part-time psychiatrist, seven internal medicine doctors, three surgeons, three anesthesiologists, one at the Kagman Community Health Center, four ER doctors, one gastroenterologist, three OB/GYN, five pediatri-

cians, one in family medicine, and one pathologist.

"Compared to what we had before we have enough doctors here. They are only physicians and not special care kind of physicians," Muna said.

Earlier, Muna told *Saipan Tribune* that the hospital is looking into specialized care after revenue streams are identified.

The hospital is looking at increasing specialized care so that medical referrals wouldn't be required and that specialized treatment can finally be done in the CNMI.

"Next month we're expecting the two doctors and then later on we're going to lose an ER doctor and then gain another ER doctor," she said.

"I think we need to do more especially for Rota," she added.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mikaela Hofschneider Diaz. Mikaela graduated with a Masters Degree in Special Education at Western Oregon, Monmouth, Oregon on June 13, 2015. She hopes that the CNMI Public School System will hire her for Tinian, otherwise, she will remain in Oregon.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



# MANGO holds training with APIAHF

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA  
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REPORTER

The Marianas Alliance of Non-Government Organizations partnered with Asia Pacific Islander American Health Forum for a two-day program managers training at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Pacific Islander Affairs and program officer on Racial Equality Initiative national advisor Taunuu Ve'e and STRIVE/REACH program manager Pedro Arista headed the interactive training for new and potential managers from public health non-governmental organizations last Friday and Saturday.

"Our hope from this training is really to increase the capacity of local NGOs here in the CNMI to really think about how to manage their programs," Arista said.

"It's important for us as a national organization to really provide not only support but to also see what's unfolding in the commonwealth and other parts of the Pacific as well because when opportunities arise at the national level, it is important for



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Non-government organizations and some government agencies gather at the Marianas Alliance for NGOs' two-day program managers training last week at PIC Saipan.

us to help elevate the voices of the commonwealth as well as the greater Pacific," he added.

Various non-profit, non-government, and civic associations as well as representatives from some government agencies were present at the training.

"APIAHF developed this resource in response to feedback

we heard from across the U.S. and the Pacific about the lack of training opportunities for supervisors and program managers in non-governmental organizational settings," APIAHF executive vice president Edward Tepporn said, responding to an email interview.

According to MANGO presi-

dent John O. Gonzales, they want volunteers or members of the board or any organization to learn how to be more effective in their roles so that they can be more efficient in providing services as well as leveraging resources for those whom they serve.

"The goal is to provide con-



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Representatives from various NGOs discuss what they can do more for the community they each serve in the CNMI.

tinuous education and professional development training for our many non-profits that we believe would benefit," Gonzales said.

He added that they focused on the health sector for the an-

nual training this year because of the need to help the community to achieve better and healthier lifestyles.

MANGO, Inc. is the umbrella association of all Northern Mariana Islands-based NGOs.

## SPC conducts stock assessment workshop to boost regional fisheries science capacity

**NOUMÉA, New Caledonia**—Training government officials and scientists to understand and critique fisheries stock assessments is the focus of a week-long workshop (June 22-27), to be attended by 26 regional scientists and observers from 15 Pacific nations.

For the past decade, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) has conducted the annual stock assessment workshops aimed at providing regional scientists with the tools to critically examine the stock assessments that form the basis for management advice on the globally-significant tuna fisheries of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

The Western and Central Pacific Ocean accounts for 58 percent of the world tuna catch and Pacific Island countries and territories are custodians of the bulk of that catch. This fishery

is worth an estimated USD 6.2 billion per annum.

Tuna is also an important source of dietary protein for many Pacific Island communities.

Taking place at SPC headquarters in Noumea, the 2015 Stock Assessment Workshop aims to equip scientists and other officials with the ability to provide sound advice to their governments on fisheries conservation and management.

A testament to the success of the training is the number of previous participants who now occupy senior positions within fisheries ministries and inter-governmental organizations around the Pacific.

"This year we're delighted to welcome as one of the presenters, a previous workshop participant, Cook Islander Pamela Maru, who now works as a Fisheries Management Advisor for

the Forum Fisheries Agency," SPC director of Oceanic Fisheries, Dr. John Hampton, said.

Participants at the workshop will learn basic analytical techniques on fisheries data, similar to those performed in the tuna stock assessments. The combination of lectures and hands-on practical sessions will provide participants with the critical tools needed to interpret the annual stock assessments presented at the upcoming Scientific Committee meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in August.

The workshop is hosted by SPC with participation by the Forum Fisheries Agency and University of the South Pacific. It is made possible with support from the Australian Government, Japan Trust Fund, New Zealand Aid Programme, Pew Charitable Trusts and WCPFC. (SPC)

## Domestic violence and the workplace: Topic at June SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will be holding its June general membership meeting on the topic of "Domestic Violence and the Workplace" which will be presented by Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio and former CNMI chief prosecutor attorney Shelli Neal.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret on Thursday, June 25, 2015, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to gain

information and to discuss a difficult situation that we all eventually face in our workplaces. Our speakers will focus on domestic violence in general and how it may impact the workplace, what employers can do to help employees who are living with abuse, safety concerns, and what to do when employees are abusers/offenders. They will also talk about the new "Anti-Violence Leave Act." The program will discuss workplace, social and legal aspects of domestic violence.

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuvera by

phone at 234-1795 or by e-mail at [corporate@triplejsaipan.com](mailto:corporate@triplejsaipan.com) or by e-mail to Frank Gibson at [flgibson@yahoo.com](mailto:flgibson@yahoo.com).

The Society for Human Resource Management is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The Society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at <http://nmi-chapter.shrm.org>. (SHRM)

## CUC cuts power in Susupe to replace power pole

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. yesterday conducted an emergency power interruption in Susupe to replace a deteriorated power pole and a leaking transformer.

Power was temporarily interrupted at 2:37pm to customers in the vicinity of Bakke Street in Susupe to allow safe access

to crews replacing the leaking transformer and the primary power pole in the area.

Efforts are expected to take up to approximately four hours to complete, at which time power will be restored to the area.

For more information, please visit our website [www.cucgov.org](http://www.cucgov.org).

cucgov.org or contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282).

CUC is a non-profit autonomous agency of the CNMI government. The utility provides electric power, water and wastewater services to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. (CUC)



### HANMI LOGO CONTEST WINNERS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tricia Salcedo and Kiana Florendo received their prizes after finishing first and third in the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands logo contest. Salcedo and Florendo are joined in the photo by Kanoa Resort general manager Wendy Herring, second left, HANMI chair and Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh, and two Kanoa Resort staff.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

HANMI logo contest second placer Pearl Cataluna receives her prize from HANMI chair and Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh while two Kanoa Resort staff hold the HANMI banner.



# Business

FOR BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE:

## New clinic on Saipan offers alternative medicine

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What started as a way to fight boredom from his semi-retirement became somewhat a mission to help the people of CNMI.

Opening up the newest medical clinic on Saipan, Morris Coltrain is an advanced practice registered nurse and clinic director of Coltrain Medical Group.

"I started here in December doing family practice," Morris said, "I actually came here to semi-retire, really not to work, but I got bored so I found this clinic and doctors I can work with and it has been great."

Coltrain, who has been a practicing nurse for 30 years, focuses on alternative medicine and also has a clinic in Kansas City where he came from.

"I have a clinic in Kansas, doing alternative healthcare and I've been looking for a place here to do that," he said.

### Alternative health care

Coltrain's clinic, which started last month, is unlike most clinics on Saipan owing to the fact that it offers alternative medicine.

According to Coltrain, alternative medicine is a different mode of therapy, unlike typical mainstream medication like pills.

His clinic has services that cater to different health issues such as weight loss management, which is a problem in the CNMI. Last year, a report from the World Health Organization included some Pacific Islands in the top 10 countries with the highest rates of obesity as well as diabetes.

Another valuable service that Coltrain's clinic offers is chelation therapy.

"I do chelation therapy which is an IV that takes out all the heavy metals in your arteries and veins and opens up your circulation," Coltrain said.

"The chelation therapy helps increase the blood flow, and when you increase the blood flow, it's beneficial for the kidneys, for people who have diabetes, it's beneficial for hypertension," he added.

Coltrain noted that there are a number of people on Saipan who are suffering from hypertension and diabetes.

"I think there are plenty of



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA  
Morris Coltrain, APRN has been practicing for 30 years and is bringing alternative medicine in Saipan. His new clinic, under Coltrain Medical Group, just opened last month.

people here to keep us busy," Coltrain said.

He also does intravenous vitamin therapy, bio-identical hormones replacement, botox and xeomin injections, erectile dys-

function treatment for men, and libido improvement for men and women.

Vitamins for intravenous therapy include vitamins C and B which according to Coltrain help

build and strengthen the immune system and replace those that were lost because of stress.

"That's just some of the things that I do here that they don't do," he said.

### Better quality of life

Coltrain believes that alternative medicine is very beneficial and does not do any harm in the body.

"This is a different kind of medicine," Coltrain said.

"[Patients] think better, they feel better overall, so it's a better quality of life. You do these things, it does give you a better quality of life and that's what life is all about," he added.

Even though alternative medicine may cost money as opposed to not doing anything to take care of yourself now, Coltrain believes it is a great investment.

"If you spend a little money to take care of yourself, then you may not develop the problems down the road 10 years from now," he said, "Prevent it from happening before it happens. We have some things to help you do that."

Coltrain Medical Group's clinic is located at the Marianas Health MediPacific Building in Ghyeygi Street in San Jose. For more information, call (670) 483-4690.

## As a manager, don't add to workplace squabbles

**Q: I may have reacted inappropriately to an employee complaint. Last week, "Tracy" told me that a co-worker was being "catty" to her and making rude remarks. Tracy also complained about two other people who do a lot of whispering when she's around.**

**I took the "catty" co-worker aside and informed her that she had hurt Tracy's feelings. However, now I'm wondering if this was the right thing to do. I haven't talked to the other employees yet, so I would like some advice on how to manage this situation.**

**A:** If you fear that you have become overly involved in this schoolyard squabble, I agree with you. When employees begin bickering and tattling, joining the game is not a helpful strategy. So instead of trying to micromanage relationships, gather your group together for a frank discussion about appropriate conduct at work.

For example: "Because we seem to be experiencing some unprofessional behavior, I need to remind you that this is an office, not a social club. You don't get to choose your colleagues, so you may not like all of them. But that really doesn't matter. Regardless of your personal feelings, you are expected to be pleasant, helpful and cooperative with everyone."

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Next, engage the group in defining specific guidelines for mature, professional communication. Ask them to assess their own team against these standards and create an action plan for improvement. In future staff meetings, set aside time for regular progress checks.

After that, if some backsliders continue to engage in workplace drama, just treat it as you would any other performance problem.

**Q: I seem to have made a bad career decision. After receiving my Ph.D., I was hired by a large multinational company which has a special program for new graduates. I thought I would be doing interesting research and handling challenging projects, but my work is very routine.**

**Because this was extremely disappointing, I made several complaints to both the program manager and my immediate supervisor. Now they have said that if I continue to**

**complain, I will be asked to leave the program. Although I still feel undervalued, I don't want my first job to end in failure. What should I do?**

**A:** First of all, you need to view this situation with a wider lens. In large organizations, even Ph.D. graduates often start in lower-level jobs. The real career question is not whether your current role is ideal, but whether this company can offer the kind of future you want. If so, then you are simply "paying your dues" in order to qualify for more desirable positions.

But even if the long-range prospects seem bleak, you don't want to be forced out. So apologize to both managers, explain that you were just feeling frustrated, and don't make any more complaints about anything. If you do your best work and get along with everyone, you are more likely to receive a promotion if you stay or a good reference if you leave.

## Egg shortage cutting into restaurant profits, menu items

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)**—Those who like to indulge in a good omelet or quiche at the local cafe should prepare to pay a little more—if it's even on the menu.

Restaurants are struggling to deal with higher egg prices and an inability to get enough eggs and egg products in the midst of a shortage brought about by a bird flu virus that wiped out millions of chickens on commercial farms this spring. Some restaurants are pulling especially egggy dishes off menus while others are contemplating raising prices until the supply returns to normal.

Getting eggs from a smaller, local producer—which have

largely been spared from the outbreak—has not protected Omaha restaurant owner Nick Bartholomew and other independently-owned eateries. His supplier's inventory has dwindled to meet demand and production is down because of testing by federal safety officials. And the restaurant's overall production costs have gone up by 15 percent in recent weeks, so he says he'll have to raise prices soon.

"We're now having to use three or four different producers and call around to different chicken farms to see what is available and when it will be available," said Bartholomew,

whose restaurant, Over Easy, serves breakfast and lunch with a focus on local ingredients. The restaurant has already taken strata—an egg casserole similar to quiche—off the menu.

The H5N2 avian flu virus began showing up in Midwest commercial turkey and chicken farms this spring. To date, 48 million turkeys and chickens have died or were euthanized to prevent the virus from spreading further. The frequency of new cases has slowed dramatically in most states, though agriculture officials said last week that an Iowa chicken farm with 1 million egg-layers tested positive for the virus.

## Unemployment rates rose in half of US states last month

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Unemployment rates rose in 25 U.S. states last month, driven higher in many cases by more people who began looking for work but didn't immediately find jobs.

Rates fell in 9 states and Washington, D.C., and were unchanged in 16 states, the Labor Department said Friday.

Despite the pickup in unemployment rates, employers are hiring at a robust pace, boosting job growth in most parts of the country. Thirty-seven states added jobs last month, while 12 states cut jobs. Hiring in Montana was flat.

The state data echoes last month's national pattern. Employers added 280,000 jobs,

yet the unemployment rate ticked up to 5.5 percent from 5.4 percent. That can happen when more Americans start job hunts but aren't immediately hired. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they are actively searching for work.

Many states gained jobs but saw their unemployment rates rise as their ranks of job searchers also increased. California added the most jobs last month, gaining 54,200. Yet its unemployment rate ticked up to 6.4 percent from 6.3 percent. That's because more than 70,000 people started looking for work last month, and about 13,000 didn't find jobs.

New York added 42,700 jobs, the second-most, while its unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.7 percent. Texas gained 33,200, the third-highest, though its rate also ticked up, to 4.3 percent from 4.2 percent.

Nearly every state has gained jobs in the past 12 months, except for West Virginia, which lost nearly 17,000. It shed jobs in mining, construction, and government, the Labor Department said.

West Virginia now has the nation's highest unemployment rate, at 7.2 percent, up from 7.0 percent the previous month. It has overtaken Nevada, where the rate remained 7.1 percent in May.



# Nation

## Thousands gather on Arthur Ravenel Bridge in solidarity

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church opened its tall, wooden doors to the world Sunday, embracing strangers who walked in from the street or tuned in from home for the first worship service since a white gunman was accused of killing nine black church members.

It was that same hospitality that allowed the suspected gunman to be welcomed into a Bible study for about an hour before he allegedly stood up, made racially offensive remarks and opened fire in the church known as “Mother Emanuel” because it is one of the oldest black congregations in the South.

“I was so pleased when authorities told us you can go back into ‘Mother Emanuel’ to worship,” said the Rev. Norvel Goff, a presiding elder of the 7th District AME Church in South Carolina, before adding a note of defiance to a service sprinkled with themes of love, recovery and healing.

“Some folks might need some more time in order to walk in. But for those of us who are here this morning ... because the doors of Mother Emanuel are open on this Sunday, it sends a message to every demon in hell and on earth.”

The church’s air condition-



AP  
People join hands against the backdrop of an American flag as thousands of marchers meet in the middle of Charleston's main bridge in a show of unity after nine black church parishioners were gunned down during a Bible study, Sunday, June 21, 2015, in Charleston, S.C.

ing did little to fight the heat of extra bodies in the sanctuary. There was fervent singing and shouting, so much so that many congregants waved small fans in front of their faces.

Despite the heaviness in the air, many stood—some holding small children—to shout their

praises or raise their hands toward the church’s vaulted ceiling. For added security, police officers stood watch over the worshippers.

Some congregation members stood to applaud when Goff thanked law enforcement for their response to the shooting.

Goff was appointed to lead the historic Charleston church after Emanuel’s senior pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was fatally shot during the massacre. A black sheet was draped over Pinckney’s usual chair, which sat empty. At least one parishioner knelt down in

front of it and prayed.

Pinckney was also a state senator and married father of

two children. Goff acknowledged Father’s Day and said: “The only way evil can triumph is for good folks to sit down and do nothing.”

As Emanuel’s congregation belted out a gospel hymn, church bells rang throughout the “Holy City”—nicknamed because of the numerous churches here. Later Sunday, thousands of people gathered on the Arthur Ravenel Bridge to join hands in solidarity.

The bridge is named after a former state lawmaker and vocal Confederate flag supporter. The slayings have renewed calls for the flag to be removed from the South Carolina Statehouse grounds, in part because photographs of Roof in a purported manifesto showed him holding Confederate flags. The 2,500-word manifesto also contained hate-filled writings.

Less than 2 miles from the church, someone vandalized a Confederate monument, spray-painting “Black Lives Matter” on the statue. City workers used a tarp to cover up the graffiti, police said.

### SIDEBAR

### Coordinated ringing of bells sends message of unity, healing

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—For several minutes Sunday, the sweltering skies above this grieving city were alive with the sound of bells: high in steeples and in the hands of toddlers, all ringing and tinkling in unison to honor the nine people cut down during a Bible study at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Churches of all denominations across Charleston agreed to ring their bells at 10 a.m. in a gesture they hoped would send a healing message of unity and love to the world.

Standing in the shadow of St. Matthew’s Lutheran, less than a block from “Mother Emanuel,” Kelly Nix said the

event brought her immense comfort.

“It’s about grace, hearing the bells and being part of a community that we love,” she said, tears rolling down her cheeks as her twin girls, Lana and Margeaux, who will turn 2 on Friday, ran around in their matching white dresses. “And searching for grace and faith in a time when you think of unthinkable things.”

Police say a white man named Dylann Storm Roof, 21, sat with the Bible study group for an hour Wednesday before pulling out a handgun and opening fire. Pastor Clementa Pinckney and eight others, ranging in age from 26 to 87,

were killed.

Authorities have called the shooting a hate crime and are investigating whether a racist screed posted on the Internet was written by the suspect. But if Roof intended to strike a blow for segregation, Sunday’s event was meant as a message that he failed.

Less than a block from Emanuel, several hundred people gathered in Marion Square Park, which is dominated by a statue of John C. Calhoun, a pro-slavery politician who represented South Carolina in the House and Senate in the 1800s. The park is also flanked by the spires of St. Matthew’s Lutheran and Citadel Square Baptist Church.

Under a blazing sun, the throng held an interdenominational service, sitting on blankets and folding chairs beneath umbrellas and tents. Some wore T-shirts bearing the faces of those who were slain at the church.

Behind the stage, hanging from the battlements of a castle-like hotel, hung a white banner with the words “Mother Emanuel, We Love You.”

Shortly before 10 a.m., Pastor Mike Seaver of Sovereign Grace Church in nearby Summerville read a passage from the book of Psalms. When he had finished, Seaver asked the throng to come closer together and urged them to “honor the Lord and weep with those who weep.”

## Couples, officials, foes readying for US gay marriage ruling

CINCINNATI (AP)—With a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage expected any day now, gay couples in states with bans are making wedding plans, courthouse officials are getting ready for different scenarios and steadfast foes are working on their strategies to keep up the opposition.

Marriage license bureaus are bracing for a rush of applicants if the court overturns bans. Meanwhile, there’s been a series of planning sessions by groups that intend to explore

religious objection responses to protect “traditional marriage” limited to heterosexuals.

Gay couples, such as Ethan Fletcher and Andrew Hickam of Cincinnati, are gearing up for a quick run to the courthouse in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee—the states involved in the cases that were argued in April before the justices. They’re among 14 states that ban same-sex marriage, and if the high court rules in favor of gay marriage, it would apply nationally.

Fletcher, 31, a University of

Cincinnati senior academic adviser, and Hickam, 30, a GE Aviation engineer, have arranged to take off work to get their license if the decision allows immediate same-sex marriages and will then plan a formal wedding. They became engaged nearly two years ago but decided against getting married in another state as long as there was the possibility they could do it at home.

“Well, we live here and we pay taxes here and our families live here,” said Fletcher, adding that they want his grandmother

and Hickam’s mother to be able to attend. “We didn’t feel that it was reasonable for us to have to travel out of state for the freedom to marry.”

In Hamilton County, where Cincinnati is located, the marriage license bureau said other courthouse staffers have been cross-trained and forms are available online to help speed the process. Court officials in Cuyahoga County, where Cleveland is located, say they’re prepared to process triple the usual number of applications.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### New Orleans police arrest suspect in killing of officer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—After an intense 24-hour manhunt, New Orleans police Sunday arrested a man believed to have shot and killed a police officer while wearing handcuffs as he was being transported to jail. But questions remain about where the gun he used to kill Officer Daryle Holloway, 45, came from and how he hid from a law enforcement search that included canine, SWAT and helicopter teams. Travis Boys, 33, was still wearing his broken handcuffs when a rookie officer and his trainer spotted him trying to board a city bus Sunday morning, said Police Superintendent Michael Harrison. “To my understanding, he got on the bus after spotting the officers. And the officers saw that and then he got off the bus and then was apprehended,” Harrison told reporters, while standing in front of a memorial to the city’s fallen police officers.

#### 1 of 3 officers in Washington farmworker’s shooting resigns

PASCO, Washington (AP)—One of the three Pasco police officers who shot and killed an immigrant farmworker in a busy intersection earlier this year has resigned from the department. The Tri-City Herald reports that nine-year veteran Ryan Flanagan submitted his resignation letter Thursday. Pasco City Manager Dave Zabbell said it’s effective as of July 2. Flanagan and officers Adam Wright and Adrian Alaniz have been on paid administrative leave since Antonio Zambrano-Montes died during the Feb. 10 confrontation. The shooting prompted months of protests in Pasco after cellphone video showed the officers chasing Zambrano-Montes across a street before shooting him as he turned around with his arms outstretched.

#### 3 die in crash of 2 pickups; victims ejected from truck bed

Three Hawaii men riding in the bed of a pickup were killed Saturday night when the truck was struck broadside as it made a left turn from a highway into the entrance of a drag-racing venue. The crash occurred just after 9:30 p.m. Saturday on the Mokulele Highway in Kihei on the south side of the island of Maui, police said. Killed were Howard Pruse, 25, and 51-year-old Eric Oguma, 51, both of Waiehu, and Tyree Kamaunu, 27, of Waihee. Hawaii law allows passengers to legally ride in the bed of a pickup if there are no available seats in the cab of the truck. Passengers in the bed must be seated on the floor and cannot “control unleashed cargo.” The pickups have to have secure side racks and closed tailgates. Children 12 and under are prohibited from riding in pickup beds. (AP)



# Asia

## Not friends yet, but Japan and South Korea are talking

**TOKYO (AP)**—Foreign ministers from Japan and South Korea held a rare meeting Sunday on the eve of the 50th anniversary of their countries normalizing relations marred by Japan's colonization and World War II conquest.

Yet, the ties between the most important U.S. allies in Asia are so low that the major outcomes of the talks were an agreement to keep discussing difficult historical issues and to work together to achieve a first meeting between their leaders. As a small step, the two countries' leaders will attend Monday's ceremonies in their respective capitals, instead of just ex-

changing written statements as once anticipated.

Yun Byung-se's visit Sunday was the first by a South Korean foreign minister since 2011. Yun and his Japanese counterpart, Fumio Kishida, shook hands but made no comment during the several minutes of media coverage at the outset of their highly sensitive talks. The ministers then held talks for two hours before talking for another hour over Japanese "tempura" cuisine, which Japanese officials said was a good start. But Japanese officials were tight-lipped about whether any progress was made on Japan's sexual

enslavement of Korean women and other outstanding issues related to wartime history.

Yun is set to pay a courtesy visit to Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday before attending anniversary events in Tokyo.

Kishida told reporters late Sunday the two ministers agreed to regularly meet and make efforts to have their leaders meet "at an appropriate time." He also said that the two sides agreed to cooperate to promote UNESCO World Heritage listings of each other's sites, but did not elaborate on whether either side made concessions.

## Death toll from tainted liquor in Mumbai reaches 94

**MUMBAI, India (AP)**—Ten more people died in Mumbai from drinking tainted liquor, raising the death toll to 94 in the worst such incident in India in more than a decade, police said Sunday.

The 10 men died late Saturday, three days after drinking the cheap liquor in Malvani, in Mumbai's Malad suburb. Around 40 others were being treated in hospitals, including 15 in critical condition.

Eight officers and constables of the Malwani police station have been suspended on charges of connivance and negligence, said Deputy Commissioner Dhananjay Kulkarni. No further details were given.

Devendra Fadnavis, the top elected official of Maharashtra state, of which Mumbai is the capital, has ordered an inquiry into the cause of the deaths. Police have collected samples of the spurious li-

## 41 die from tainted liquor

*At least 41 people have died after drinking toxic liquor in Mumbai. Deaths from illegally brewed alcohol are common in India because the poor cannot afford licensed liquor. Illicit liquor is often spiked with chemicals such as pesticides to increase its potency.*



### Deaths from tainted liquor

- ① **Mumbai:** At least 41 dead
- ② **January 2015, Uttar Pradesh:** At least 29 dead
- ③ **2011, West Bengal:** Nearly 170 people died
- ④ **September 2009, Uttar Pradesh:** At least 30 dead
- ⑤ **July 2009, Gujarat:** More than 100 dead

quor and have sent them for analysis.

Deaths from illegally brewed alcohol are common in India because the poor cannot afford licensed liquor. Illicit liquor is

often spiked with chemicals such as pesticides to increase its potency.

In 2004, 104 people had died after drinking spurious liquor in Mumbai's Vikhroli area.

arrested in 2005 for alleged involvement in an ecstasy factory on the outskirts of Jakarta. Indonesia takes a hardline stance against drug crimes and resumed executions in 2013. In April, Indonesia executed eight people convicted of drug trafficking, straining relations with Australia and Brazil whose citizens were among those shot by firing squad.

## 13 people arrested after local Chinese government attacked

**BEIJING (AP)**—Police in a southern Chinese township arrested 13 people who illegally detained officials and police officers and stormed a police station and a government building in a dispute over a young woman's death, authorities said. The violence reflects the public's deep distrust in the local government's ability to properly investigate and adjudicate disputes and increasing hostility toward local authorities. The Shuangfeng county government in Hunan province on Friday demanded in a public notice that troublemakers turn themselves in in return for leniency. The violence followed the June 8 death of 28-year-old Cao Hui. The official finding was that she died from pesticide poisoning, but her blood relatives were skeptical and demanded to know if her husband played a role in her death, the county government said.

# World

## Israel, Hamas in unspoken alliance vs Gaza extremists

**KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP)**—Nearly a year after a devastating war, Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers appear to have formed an unspoken alliance in a common battle against the shared threat of jihadists aligned with the Islamic State group.

While Israel and Hamas remain arch-enemies, both have an interest in preserving an uneasy calm that has prevailed since the fighting ended in a cease-fire last August—a stalemate that is largely the result of a lack of options on either side.

More than 2,200 Palestinians were killed in last year's fighting, according to Palestinian officials, and Hamas suffered heavy losses. It is isolated internationally, Gaza's economy is in tatters and reconstruction efforts have moved slowly. A renewal of hostilities would be devastating for Gaza's 1.8 million people.

On the Israeli side, 73 people, including 67 soldiers, were killed in last year's fighting, and the summer-long war disrupted the lives of millions of people as they coped with repeated rocket attacks and



In this Wednesday, June 10, 2015 photo, Palestinian Hamas gunmen ride on the back of a pick-up truck as they patrol the border with Israel near the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Younis. **AP**

air-raid sirens. But Hamas, which seized power in Gaza eight years ago, has survived three wars, and the cost of toppling the group would be extremely high, so Israel appears content to contain Hamas and keep things quiet.

Hamas officials say that efforts are underway, through Qatari mediators, to work out a long-term cease-fire. The deal would call for Israel to ease a stifling blockade on Gaza in exchange for Hamas pledges to disarm, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were discussing

sensitive negotiations. It is unclear whether any progress has been made in the cease-fire efforts, which include Hamas demands to reopen sea and airports in Gaza. Israeli officials declined comment.

In the short run, the biggest threat to the quiet is a small but growing number of extremists in Gaza inspired by the Islamic State group, who have fired rockets across the heavily guarded frontier in order to undermine Hamas. The militants believe Hamas is soft on Israel and has failed to establish an Islamic state.

## Bloodshed in El Salvador reaching levels of 1980s civil war

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)**—Word on the street is that only the girlfriends of gang members are allowed to be redheads or blondes. So in this violent place, women are scurrying to salons to give up their blond hair and highlights, to dye it all black—not out of fashion sense, but out of fear.

"They also say you can't wear yellow or red clothing," said Claudia Castellanos, a beautician at an upscale salon. "Can you believe it? They've already attacked a woman on a bus for wearing yellow."

There's no evidence the ru-

mors are true. The gangs, sophisticated criminal organizations, even issued a statement to deny the hair-color decree.

But with violence in El Salvador reaching levels rivaling those of the civil war that ended more than two decades ago, few are willing to take risks.

El Salvador has just experienced one of its most violent months since the end of the civil war in 1992, with 635 homicides reported in May for the country of just over 6 million people. June is on track to break that mark, with the latest bloodshed coming Sunday

when suspected gang members killed two soldiers guarding a bus terminal in the capital.

Fear is pervasive across San Salvador. As daylight fades, stores close early and streets empty. At night, roadblocks go up to thwart possible grenade attacks on police stations, where officers sleep rather than risk being attacked while riding buses home.

Taxi drivers memorize signals to give gang lookouts who guard neighborhoods, flashing codes with their high beams and rolling down their windows to make themselves visible.

## European leaders working hard to keep Greece in eurozone

**BRUSSELS (AP)**—Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras headed to Brussels late Sunday for a crucial emergency eurozone summit aimed at reaching a deal between Athens and its international creditors that would allow the debt-ravaged country to avoid a default and a potentially disastrous exit from the euro.

Tsipras' departure for Monday's summit of the 19 eurozone leaders capped a day of intense contacts between many of the major players, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, all bent

on keeping Greece within the currency club and avoiding financial chaos.

Greece is facing a June 30 deadline to make a 1.6 billion euro (\$1.8 billion) loan repayment to the International Monetary Fund, which, at present, it would be unable to make. And even bigger payments to the European Central Bank in July. So far, both Greece and the creditors have appeared locked in a 'whoblinks-first' contest that has left them unable to bridge the gaps and secure a deal.

On Sunday, Tsipras presented to Juncker, Hollande and Merkel "Greece's proposal for a mutually beneficial agreement,

which will provide a permanent solution and not just postpone tackling the problem," his press office said in a statement.

However, technical negotiators from the creditors were still waiting in Brussels for a detailed outline of the Greek proposals late Sunday to assess whether they really constitute a breakthrough, a European Union official said.

"The institutions are waiting," the official said, more than eight hours after the Greek government announced they had presented the proposal to creditors. "The condition for this meeting to be productive is to have the proposal."

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Australia, Malaysia and Netherlands to mark MH17 anniversary

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)**—Australia's prime minister says the Australian, Malaysian and Dutch governments will hold services on July 17 to mark the first anniversary of the shooting down of a Malaysia Airlines plane over Ukraine with the loss of 298 lives. Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Parliament on Monday that Australian lawmakers will be recalled to Parliament House for the national service and a plaque will be unveiled in the House of Representatives' gardens inscribed with the names of all victims. The victims included 39 Australian citizens and permanent residents. The shooting down of Flight 17 as the Boeing 777 flew from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was the second of two disasters that struck the troubled airline last year.

#### Indonesia court rejects appeal of Frenchman facing execution

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—An Indonesian court on Monday rejected the final appeal of a French national facing execution for drug offenses. The administrative court in Jakarta said it would not overturn a presidential rejection of clemency for Serge Atlaoui. His case has drawn national attention in France, which vigorously opposes the death penalty. The Frenchman was



## Focus

## Kamikaze

## survivors debunk stereotype in stories of sacrifice

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**KASAMA, Japan (AP)**—The pilots filed into the room and were presented with a form that asked if they wanted to be kamikaze. It was multiple-choice, and there were three answers: “I passionately wish to join,” “I wish to join,” and “I don’t wish to join.”

This was 1945. Many were university students who had been previously exempt from service, but now Japan was running out of troops.

Hisashi Tezuka recalls that a few of his colleagues quickly wrote their replies and strutted away. But he and most of the others stayed for what felt like hours, unable to decide.

He did not know then if anyone had dared to refuse. He learned later that the few who did were simply told to pick the right answer.

Tezuka so wanted to be honest to his feelings he crossed out the second choice and wrote his own answer: “I will join.”

“I did not want to say I wished it. I didn’t wish it,” he told The Associated Press at his apartment in a Tokyo suburb.

They were the kamikaze, “the divine wind,” ordered to fly their planes into certain death. The U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey and data kept at the library at Yasukuni shrine in Tokyo estimate that about 2,500 of them died during the war. Some history books give higher numbers. About one in every five kamikaze planes managed to hit an enemy target.

Books and movies have depicted them as crazed suicide bombers who screamed “Banzai” as they met their end. But interviews with survivors and families by The Associated Press, as well as letters and documents, offer a different portrait—of men driven by patriotism, self-sacrifice and necessity. The world they lived in was like that multiple-choice form: It contained no real options.

## ‘ALL SET TO DIE’

First-born sons weren’t selected, to protect family heirs in feudalistic-minded Japan. Tezuka, then a student at the prestigious University of Tokyo, had six brothers and one sister and wasn’t the eldest. So he was a good pick, he says with a sad laugh.

He was given a five-day leave to visit his parents. He didn’t have the heart to tell them he had been tapped to be a suicide bomber.

There was one absolute about being a kamikaze, he says: “You

go, and it’s over.”

He survived only because Emperor Hirohito announced Japan’s surrender on a radio broadcast, just as he was on a train headed to take off on his kamikaze attack.

“I had been all set to die,” he says. “My mind went absolutely blank.”

He was 23. Now, at 93, he notes that he has lived four times as long as many kamikaze.

He loved flying the Zero fighter, so much so that he couldn’t stomach flying a commercial jet after the war. And so sick of war that he didn’t want to join the military, he started an import-consultant business.

He often visited American farmers. He never told them he had been a kamikaze.

A burly man with a quick wit, Tezuka hands a reporter a sepia-toned photo of himself as a Zero fighter, grinning in a helmet, the trademark white silk scarf at his neck.

“That’s to keep warm. It gets really cold up there,” he says.

He picks up a miniature toy Zero, a gift from his daughter, and smiles as he turns on its buzzing propeller motor.

He recalls training, flying in a dazzling formation over forests and lakes. It was so breathtaking you could almost forget the war. “Do you know what a rainbow looks like when you’re flying?” he asks, his eyes aglow with childlike excitement. “It’s a perfect circle.”

## PILOTS’ SWEETHEARTS

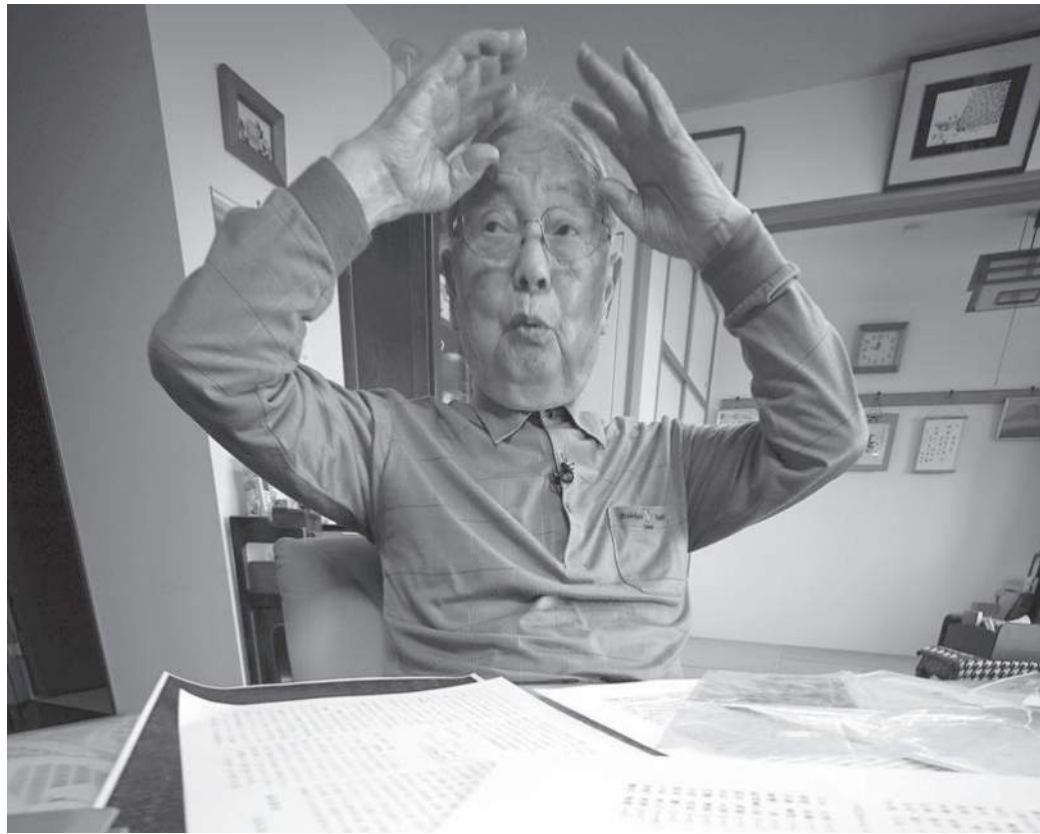
Zero pilots were the heartthrobs of the era. In fading photographs, they pose in portraits, hugging shoulders, wearing big smiles, seemingly oblivious to what lay ahead. Their goggles are flipped cockily over their helmets, their scarves tucked under their jackets.

The Zero won accolades, even from the enemy. Some Japanese enlisted just to fly the Zero.

Masao Kanai died on a kamikaze mission near Okinawa in 1945. He was 23.

Under a program that encouraged students to support the imperialist military, he had been pen pals with a 17-year-old schoolgirl, Toshi Negishi. All in all, they exchanged 200 letters. They tried to go on a date, just once, when he had a rare opportunity to get out of training and visit Tokyo. But that was March 10, 1945, right after the massive air raids known as the firebombing of Tokyo. So they never met.

Before he flew on his last mission, he sent her two tiny pendants he had carved out of cockpit glass—one a heart, the other a tiny Zero. The hazy



In this April 23, 2015 photo, Hisashi Tezuka, a kamikaze who survived because the war ended, speaks his experience in WWII during an exclusive interview with the Associated Press at his home in Yokohama, south of Tokyo.

crystalline heart has the letters T and M, their initials, carved on top of each other.

Negishi wore the pendants just once. She kept them in a box for 70 years.

She recently donated the jewelry to a memorial for the Tsukuba Naval Air Corps, a command and training center for kamikaze in Kasama, north of Tokyo. Community volunteers determined to preserve the memory of the kamikaze are trying to block plans to tear down the building from that period.

Though other memorials exist for kamikaze, no one, until recently, had bothered to look into or document the history of the Tsukuba building.

“Someone has to remember. It hurts too much if we don’t,” Negishi says in a forthcoming film made by the volunteers.

Volunteers have put up an exhibition of photos, letters, helmets, pieces of the Zero and other remnants from that period. Among them is Kanai’s final letter to his family: “I don’t know where to begin,” he wrote. “Rain is falling softly. A song is playing quietly on the radio. It’s a peaceful evening. We’ll wait for the weather to clear up and fly on our mission. If it hadn’t been for this rain, I’d be long gone by now.”

One of the eeriest photos on display is a woman decked out in a bridal kimono, sitting with dozens of family members and grasping a framed picture of her dead fiancé, a kamikaze. The bride in that post-mortem wedding, Mutsue Kogure, stares into the camera, expressionless.

The last letter Nobuaki Fujita,

22, wrote to her is also on display. “In my next life, and in my life after that, and in the one after that, please marry me,” he wrote. “Mutsue, goodbye. Mutsue, Mutsue, Mutsue, Mutsue, the ever so gentle, my dearest Mutsue.”

## A SURVIVOR’S GUILT

Seventy years after the end of World War II, the runway that once stretched at Tsukuba is long gone. But the rows of cherry blossoms still stand.

In another corner of the Tsukuba grounds, an underground bomb shelter winds in pitch darkness through several chambers. It was designed to serve as an emergency command, should the main building be demolished in a U.S. bombing. It’s a reminder of the illusory determination that gripped the imperialist forces, to keep fighting, no matter what.

In training, the pilots repeatedly zoomed perilously, heading practically straight down, to practice crashing. They had to reverse course right before hitting the ground and rise back into the sky, a tremendous G-force dragging on their bodies.

When they did it for real, they were instructed to send a final wireless message in Morse code, and keep holding that signal. In the transmission room, they knew the pilot had died when a long beep ended in silence.

Yoshiomi Yanai, 93, survived because he could not locate his target—a rare error for a kamikaze operation. He visits the Tsukuba facility often.

“I feel so bad for all the others who died,” he says, bemoaning the fate of comrades who died

so young, never having really experienced life.

Yanai still keeps what he had intended to be his last message to his parents. It’s an album that he keeps carefully wrapped in a traditional furoshiki cloth. He plastered the pages with photos of him laughing with colleagues and other happy moments. He got a pilot friend to add ink drawings of the Zero.

“Father, Mother, I’m taking off now. I will die with a smile,” Yanai wrote in big letters on the opening pages. “I was not a filial son but please forgive me. I will go first. And I will be waiting for you.”

Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, who wrote about the kamikaze in his 2008 book, “Danger’s Hour,” says the kamikaze were driven by nothing but self-sacrifice.

When he started his research, he expected to find fanaticism. He was stunned to find they were very much like Americans or young people anywhere else in the world, “who were extraordinarily patriotic but at the same time extraordinarily idealistic.” Kennedy stressed that kamikaze have little in common with suicide bombers today. Japan was engaged in conventional war, and, above all, kamikaze had no choice, he said. Civilians were not targets.

“They were looking out for each other,” he says, in a telephone interview from Los Angeles. “If he didn’t get in the plane that morning, his roommate would have to go.”

## KILLING WITH A PENCIL

Though the Zero was used in kamikaze missions, it was not designed for the task. The Ohka

was. It was a glider packed with bombs and powered by tiny rockets, built to blow up. They were taken near the targets, hooked on to the bottom of planes, and then let go.

Ohka means cherry blossom, and to this day kamikaze are associated with the briefly glorious trees.

Americans called it the “Baka bomb.” Baka is the Japanese word for idiot. Because their cruise range was so limited, they were easily shot down.

The job of overseeing and training Ohka pilots, and ultimately sending them to certain death, fell to Fujio Hayashi, then 22.

Hayashi believes Ohka might never have happened if there had been no volunteers when the concept was first suggested.

He was one of the first two volunteers for Ohka. Dozens followed.

But he could never stop blaming himself, wondering whether his early backing helped bring it about. When he finally saw one of the flimsy gliders, he felt duped; many thought it looked like a joke.

Over the decades, Hayashi was tormented by guilt for having sent dozens of young men to their deaths “with my pencil,” as he put it, referring to how he had written the names for Ohka assignments each day. To squelch any suspicion of favoritism, he sent his favorite pilots first.

After the war, Hayashi joined the military, called the Self-Defense Forces, and attended memorials for the dead pilots. He consoled families and told everyone how gentle the men had been. They smiled right up to their deaths, he said, because they didn’t want anyone to mourn or worry.

“Every day, 365 days a year, whenever I remember those who died, tears start coming. I have to run into the bathroom and weep. While I’m there weeping, I feel they’re vibrantly alive within my heart, just the way they were long ago,” he wrote in his essay “The Suicidal Drive.”

Hayashi hardly talked about his kamikaze days to his children. They remember him as a dad who loved classical music, took them to amusement parks and loved cats so much he adopted strays.

“I think of the many men I killed with my pencil, and I apologize for having killed them in vain,” he said.

He often said he wanted his ashes to be scattered into the sea near the southern islands of Okinawa, where his men had died.

Until then, he said, his war would never be over.

He died of pancreatic cancer at age 93 on June 4. His family plans to honor his request.



# Overdrive

## Auto review: 2015 Subaru Outback review: Flirting with perfection

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The 2015 Subaru Outback 2.5i Premium (I give it four out of four stars) flirts shamelessly with perfection, falling just short, but establishing itself as a vehicle to beat among small and midsize SUVs and station wagons.

The all-new 2015 Outback delivers value, comfort, practicality and features. Competitive five-passenger wagons and SUVs like the Chevrolet Equinox, Ford Escape, Honda CR-V, Hyundai Santa Fe Sport, Jeep Cherokee, Kia Sportage, Mazda CX-5, Nissan Rogue, Toyota RAV4 and Volkswagen Golf station wagon will have trouble matching the Outback.

Shoppers looking at the Outback also sometimes consider larger vehicles, like the Jeep Grand Cherokee and the seven-seat Toyota Highlander, according to data from Autotrader.

The Outback's advanced features—including automatic braking to avoid front collisions and well-tuned adaptive cruise control—should also draw comparisons to small luxury SUVs from Audi, Lexus, Mercedes and Mini.

Outback prices start at \$24,895 for a base model with



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a 175-horsepower 2.5-liter horizontally opposed four-cylinder engine. All Outbacks have all-wheel-drive and a continuously variable automatic transmis-

sion, or CVT. A 256-horsepower 3.6-liter six-cylinder engine—also horizontally opposed, as all Subaru engines are to provide smooth running and a

low center of gravity—is available for \$32,995.

I tested a well-equipped 2.5-liter Outback Premium—the middle of three trim levels. Its many features included voice recognition, navigation, blind spot alert, lane departure warning, Bluetooth phone and audio compatibility and more. It stickered at \$29,216. All prices exclude destination charges.

The Outback's systems provide a high level of comfort and security without demanding the driver's attention. One minor exception is the touch screen, which could use larger touch points and be a bit more sensitive for use in a moving vehicle.

The Outback costs less than most comparable competitors. It's larger and roomier than most five-passenger SUVs. It's also slightly larger, with more passenger and cargo space, than the 2014 Outback.

The 2015 Outback's fuel economy substantially surpasses most competitors. Its EPA rating of 25 mpg in the city, 33 on the highway and 28 combined exceeds all competitors except the CR-V and Rogue's combined rating. Like the Outback, those vehicles use a CVT.

Some drivers don't care for CVTs' sound and feel, but the one in the Outback is barely noticeable. It's tuned to provide strong acceleration from a standstill. That makes the Outback very capable around town. The CVT's response can seem a bit slow accelerating at highway speeds, but passing performance is fine. It just feels different, which some drivers may think means it's not responding to the accelerator pedal as quickly as a traditional automatic transmission.

The steering feels a bit numb. It doesn't provide much

feedback through the wheel and seems light at highway speeds. The suspension absorbs bumps well.

The Outback's interior is roomy and trimmed in appealing materials. The front seat provides plenty of cubbies and bins for glasses, iPods, phones and the like. There's ample head, leg and shoulder room for the driver and front passenger. The rear seat also has plenty of head and leg room. Large windows provide excellent visibility.

The cargo compartment is larger than all competitors but the RAV4.

Most of the controls are simple, like the climate control system's buttons and dials. The voice recognition and Bluetooth connections work well.

The interior is covered in appealing materials. The dash doors and arm rests are all padded. My test car had a combination of tan, black and matte chrome interior trim.

Subaru worked hard to make the Outback intuitive and easy to use, but it also offers some of the most sophisticated driver aids on the road. An array of optional sensors can provide collision alerts, blind spot and cross traffic warnings, adaptive cruise control, lane departure alert, automatic braking to avoid front collisions and more. It rivals luxury sedans that cost several times as much as the Outback.

Like most Subaru vehicles, the Outback's styling has lost some of its quirkiness over the years. The new 2015 Outback looks less like a buffed-up station wagon and more like an SUV. It's practical proportions deliver good visibility and a conveniently low step-in height.

It's all consistent with a vehicle that flirts then delivers on its promises.

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## Under the Hood: Oil pressure and 10-year-old tires

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**Q** : I am having trouble finding out what's wrong with my oil pressure gauge.

**My motor home is a 36-foot 1997 model with a Chevy V-8 block. When I drive around 55 mph (I tow a small car), the gauge comes close to maxing out. When I slow down to around 35 mph, however, the gauge's measure drops to around midway. I know it's not a good idea to have low oil pressure, but is it bad to have high oil pressure?**

**I have changed the oil and put in a new oil filter, so I know the vehicle has plenty of oil. Any advice you may give me would be very beneficial.**

**—Walter D. Terry**

**A:** Walter, I'm thinking everything may be OK. At cruising speed, the engine is turning at a fairly good clip, making maximum oil pressure. Around 35 mph it's possible you are still in high gear and the engine is turning considerably slower. This would explain the drop in oil pressure at that time. A gauge reading midway shouldn't be of concern. Oil pressure varies with engine speed and drops somewhat at higher temperatures.

I am curious what the oil pres-

sure is when you are idling, hot. If it's excessively low at this time I would be a lot more concerned. As a general rule, engines need about 10 pounds of oil pressure for every 1,000 rpm of rotational speed. Around 35 mph you're probably spinning about 2,000 rpm with about 35-40 pounds per square inch of oil pressure, around mid-gauge. At idle, 700 rpm, it would be nice to see 15-20 psi.

If there is any doubt regarding the true oil pressure, a manual gauge could be temporarily connected in place of either oil pressure sending unit and then the pressure could be checked under a variety of conditions. Correct oil viscosity and condition are also factors. I have found more than a few General Motors oil pressure sending units to be rather flaky and inaccurate. This may explain your borderline high oil pressure readings at cruising speed (not of concern). The second oil pressure switch provides a redundant means of powering the fuel pump should a problem occur in the powertrain control module request or relay control circuits.

**Q: What is your opinion on continuing to use tires that are about 10 years old but still have lots of tread and show no signs of weathering at all? I have a classic pick-up that is driven only occasion-**

**ally and the years pile up a lot faster than the miles.**

**A:** This can be a tough call because tires deteriorate for a number of age related reasons and it's impossible to know true condition without cutting them apart in a lab. The consensus among a growing number of vehicle manufacturers is that six years is the maximum age tires can safely reach before needing replacement. The tire industry says up to 10 years. Storage conditions are likely to have an impact. Occasional use, lightly loaded and garaged would be the best scenario. Long stationary periods, a heavier vehicle, exposure to the sun, coastal climate and subsequently driven on hot pavement or at higher speeds would be the most undesirable conditions.

I was one who stretched the envelope towards 10 years but am now thinking six. Two consecutive tire failures (tread tore off, severely damaging the wheel well) on two trips with the car trailer with 10-year-old tires that looked almost new got me thinking differently.

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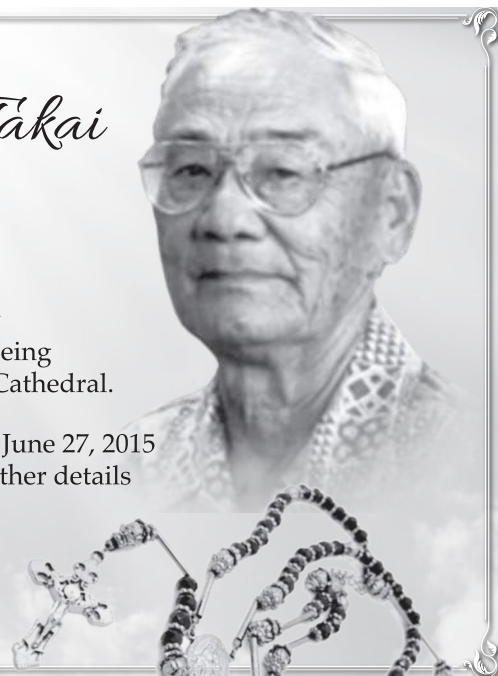
Was born to life on February 10, 1924 and was called to eternal rest on June 20, 2015.

Mass of Intentions are being offered every morning at 6:00 a.m. and Holy Rosary is being prayed at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Further details will be announced at a later date.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family





## Life & Style

# Jazz and classical musician Gunther Schuller dies at 89

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Gunther Schuller, a horn player, educator and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer who was the leading proponent of the Third Stream movement fusing jazz and classical music, died Sunday at age 89.

His son, Ed Schuller, said his father died Sunday morning at a hospital in Boston. He said his father had several medical conditions.

"He was a great musician. I loved him and we will miss him," Schuller, a bassist, said. "He had a great life, he lived his dream."

As a composer, Schuller wrote more than 200 compositions, including solo and orchestral works, chamber music, opera and jazz. His orchestral work, "Of Reminiscences and Reflections," dedicated to his wife Marjorie Black, won the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for Music.

Schuller, who was born on Nov. 22, 1925, in New York, came from a family of classical musicians. His grandfather was a conductor in Germany and his father was a violinist with the New York Philharmonic.

Schuller developed into a virtuoso on French horn. As a teenager, he began playing with the American Ballet Theater and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in the '40s, and then joined the Metropolitan Opera

Orchestra, where he remained until 1959.

Schuller discovered a whole new musical world when he heard Duke Ellington on the radio one night while doing his high school homework.

"I said to my father, 'You know, Pop, I heard some music—Duke Ellington—last night and that music is as great as Beethoven's and Mozart's,'" Schuller said in a 2009 NPR interview. "And he almost had a heart attack because that was a heretical thing to say."

Schuller's newfound passion led him to frequent New York jazz clubs, where he became involved in the burgeoning bebop scene in the late 1940s. Although French horn was rarely used in jazz ensembles, Schuller began his jazz career as part of trumpeter Miles Davis' group that recorded the seminal 1949-50 "Birth of the Cool" sessions, which fused jazz and classical techniques. He would go on to perform and record with such jazz greats as J.J. Johnson, Eric Dolphy, Dizzy Gillespie, Ornette Coleman and Charles Mingus.

In the mid-1950s, he teamed up with the classically trained jazz pianist John Lewis, musical director of the Modern Jazz Quartet, to form the Modern Jazz Society in an effort to bring



File- This June 28, 1967, file photo shows Gunther Schuller, who wrote and directed the opera "Visitation," at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center in New York City.

jazz and classical music together. Schuller felt musicians from both genres could learn from each other.

During a 1957 lecture at Brandeis University, Schuller coined the term "Third Stream" to describe his vision of what would result if the two main streams of music in the U.S. got married and begat a child. Schuller and Lewis introduced their Third Stream compositions on two Columbia albums,

"Music for Brass" and "Modern Jazz Concert" in 1957-58.

"When I started the whole thing in 1957 with the Third Stream ... it was extremely controversial," Schuller said in a 2010 interview with jazz writer Mark Myers. "I was vilified on both sides. Classical musicians, composers and critics all thought that classical would be contaminated by this lowly jazz music, this black music. And jazz musicians and critics said,

'My god, classical music is going to stultify our great, spontaneous music.' It was all nonsense and ignorance, of course. Eventually the two came together anyway."

Schuller and Lewis also founded the Lenox School of Jazz in western Massachusetts, which brought over Coleman from the West Coast for its summer program in 1959 shortly before the free jazz pioneer made his history-making New York debut.

By the 1960s, Schuller had largely given up performing to focus on composing, teaching and writing. He served as president of the New England Conservatory in Boston from 1967-77, where he established the first degree-granting jazz program at a major classical conservatory and instituted the Third Stream department with pianist Ran Blake as its chair. He also founded the New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble, which earned a Grammy Award for best chamber music performance in 1973 for the album "Joplin: The Red Back Book" and helped spur a ragtime revival. Schuller won two more Grammys for writing liner notes.

In 1990, Schuller and David Baker founded and conducted the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra in Washington,

D.C., dedicated to performing and preserving American jazz masterpieces. He also helped put together an all-star orchestra and conducted a 1989 performance of the late jazz bassist Charles Mingus' epic work "Epitaph," which was also released on record. He regularly appeared as a guest conductor with orchestras.

As writer, Schuller authored both educational works and jazz histories, including "Early Jazz: Its Roots and Musical Development" (1968) and "The Swing Era: The Development of Jazz, 1930-1945." In 2011, he published the first volume of his autobiography, "Gunther Schuller: A Life in Pursuit of Music and Beauty."

Schuller's major orchestral works include "Symphony" (1965), "Seven Studies of Paul Klee" (1959) and "An Arc Ascending" (1996). He composed two operas: "The Visitation" (1966), based on a Franz Kafka story; and the children's opera "The Fisherman and his Wife" with text by John Updike, derived from the Grimm fairy tale.

His noted Third Stream-style compositions include "Transformation for Jazz Ensemble" (1957), "Concerto for Jazz Quartet and Orchestra" (1959) and "Variants on a Theme of Thelonious Monk" (1960).

## 'True Detective' returns, staying true to its powerful past

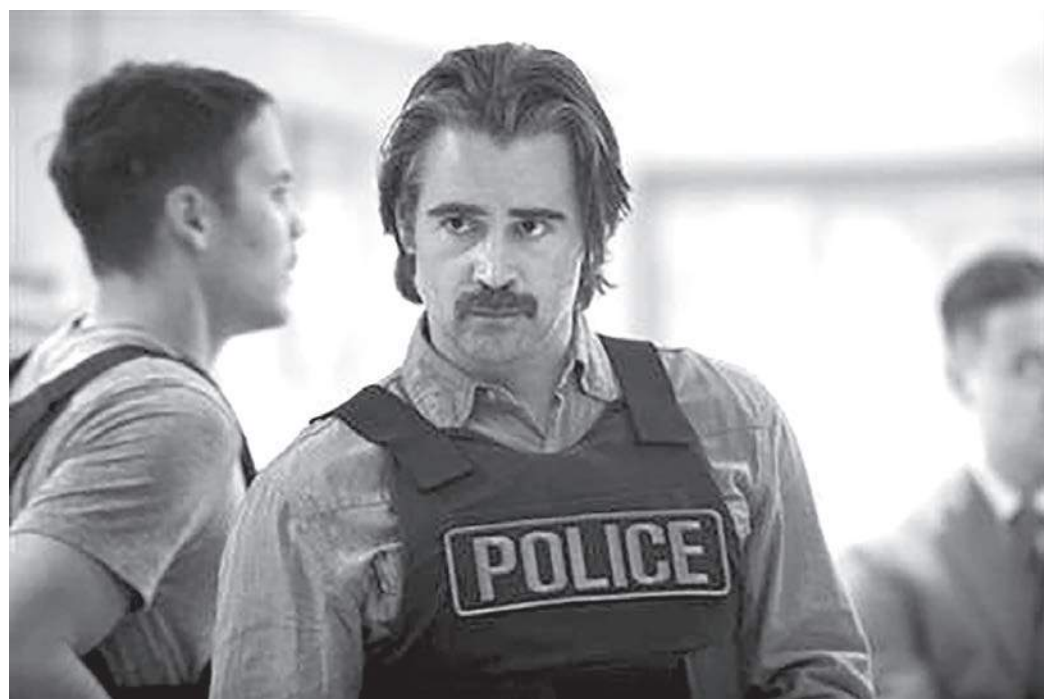
**NEW YORK (AP)**—"True Detective" could drive you to drink. Its second season (Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT on HBO) arrives under cover of such darkness and psychic pain it seems to beg its audience to keep a bottle close by in a display of unity with its hard-drinking protagonists.

"You tying one on?" asks Frank Semyon (series star Vince Vaughn), an enterprising but beleaguered mobster, as he sits across from tormented Detective Ray Velcoro (co-star Colin Farrell) and watches him drain glass after glass of Frank's pricey Johnny Walker Blue.

"Not particularly," grunts Velcoro, filling his glass again.

Of course, if you were to tie one on while watching "True Detective" you might realize you're not the sort of high-functioning alcoholic represented by Detective Velcoro, who serves the city of Vinci, a corrupt, industrially ravaged neighbor of Los Angeles. Or by Ani Bezzerides (Rachel McAdams), a hard-bitten Ventura County sheriff's detective.

Stick to soft drinks. "True Detective" this season, even more than last, demands a viewer's full attention to absorb the twist-



In this image released by HBO, Colin Farrell portrays Detective Ray Velcoro in the second season of the HBO original series "True Detective," airing Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT.

ing, multilayered puzzle taunting Ray and Ani, along with Paul Woodrugh (Taylor Kitsch), a troubled war veteran and California Highway Patrol motorcycle cop, as well as Frank, whose make-or-break-him real-estate deal is thrown in jeopardy, as they all converge on a pivotal event: the eerie murder of a Vinci city official. That, in

a nutshell, is what this season's "True Detective" encompasses: law-enforcement officers (the series title still applies) and attempts to find answers to a crime whose search is complicated by ulterior motives. (Hear Ray addressing a superior in a future episode: "One question. Am I supposed to solve this or not?")

But what "True Detective" is

this season may be no more important than how it differs from last season, which, of course, was a triumph starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson as they tackled, in effect, not one but two roles apiece: former Louisiana State Police detectives being interrogated in 2012 about a homicide case that they were seen, in flashbacks,

working in 1995.

Although Vaughn and Farrell are the nominal co-leads this season, and excellent, the new saga doesn't call for last year's two-man actors' showcase in a dual time frame. These co-stars are fused into this season's larger ensemble, in the present tense.

What truly ties the "True Detective" seasons together: the voice and vision of Nic Pizzolatto. He created the series, wrote all last year's episodes and has repeated that feat for the upcoming eight hours. And he apparently has never heard the expression "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," having ditched the buddy-drama format that worked so well to do his thing in other, different ways this time.

How he's done it should become increasingly evident beyond the three episodes made available for preview. But he has clearly retained last year's "weird fiction" atmospherics of the Louisiana bayou despite relocating to an urban world. In this factory-and-refinery-choked corner of L.A., the macabre is in evidence, even in the interstitial aerial shots of tangled freeways, where cars look like corpuscles coursing through blood vessels.

As before, Pizzolatto's

characters seem fated to be cruelly denied whatever they want most.

Frank wants a child with his lovely, supportive wife, Jordan (Kelly Reilly).

Paul, the highway patrolman, wants to be returned to duty as a motorcycle cop, but that seems unlikely after he gets into a scrape.

Ray wants a comfortable relationship with his young son, which seems as far out of reach as this unmet dream: "I used to want to be an astronaut," he says. "But astronauts don't even go to the moon anymore."

Yet another way "True Detective" stays true to its past: its darkness.

Even darker than last year, this season sets out on one very black journey, both visually and tonally. A key scene in the season premiere occurs in a bar, perhaps the dimmest bar in TV history, where the entertainer—a wan young woman with a guitar—sings maybe the most melancholy song ever heard. Its refrain: "This is my least favorite life."

Ahead, "True Detective" is absorbed with least favorite lives, which makes it just as fascinating, if not more so, than ever. But be warned: You may long for a flashlight.



# 'Jurassic' holds box office, but 'Inside Out' shows bite



## Kanye West, Future perform at Birthday Bash 20 in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP)—Kanye West danced across the stage and knelt on his knees during a performance that left many in the audience repeating the words of his songs at one of Atlanta's most popular hip-hop concerts.

West capped a show filled with other hip-hop stars from Drake, Nicki Minaj and Future at Hot 107.9's Birthday Bash 20 on Saturday night. The Grammy-winning rapper performed some of his biggest hits including "Gold Digger," "Stronger" and "Jesus Walks" in front of a sold-out crowd in Philips Arena.

WHTA, known locally at Hot 107.9, celebrated its 20-year anniversary. Through Birthday Bash, the radio station became known for featuring some of hip-hop's top artists for that particular year.

Past artists to perform at the annual show have included Jay Z, Usher, Lil Wayne, T.I., Chris Brown, Rick Ross and Young



In this Sunday, May 17, 2015 file photo, Kanye West performs at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Jeezy. West returned for a third time.

This time, West stood on a nearly pitch-black stage with small amount of light coming from above much like he did at the Grammys in February. He kicked his set off with "Power," sang about his late mother on "Only One" and brought out 2 Chainz in a rousing performance of "Mercy."

Sporting ripped jeans and gray sneakers he designed, West thanked attendees for giving him the inspiration to push forward in his music career. Members of audience were found repeating the words of his songs, especially on "Can't Tell Me Nothing" and "Blood on the Leaves."

NEW YORK (AP)—In a box-office bout of Tyrannosaurus-sized proportions, "Jurassic World" kept the No. 1 spot with one of the biggest second weeks ever, while Pixar's "Inside Out" nearly matched it with a \$91.1 million debut well above expectations.

Universal's "Jurassic World" took in \$102 million in North American theaters, according to studio estimates Sunday, making it only the second release to break \$100 million in its second week. The enormous holdover for "Jurassic World," which last week set an opening weekend record with \$208.8 million, has been bested by only 2012's "The Avengers," which made \$103.1 million in second week.

The unexpected sensation of the Colin Trevorrow-directed, Steven Spielberg-produced fourth entry in the franchise had turned Disney's \$175 million 3-D "Inside Out" into an underdog expected to merely nip at the heels of "Jurassic World." But the emotional "Inside Out," about the voices in the head of an 11-year-old girl, blew past its own forecasts to set records, too.

"Inside Out" was the first Pixar release not to open in first place, following an unparalleled two-decade streak of 14 straight no. 1s. But it's the largest opening for a wholly original movie (one not based on source material or a sequel), unseating "Avatar" in that distinction. Directed by Pete Docter ("Up") and co-directed by Ronaldo del Carmen, "Inside Out" had been expected to open in the range of previous Pixar non-sequels like "Wall-E" (\$63.8 million opening) and "Brave" (\$66.3 million).

But "Inside Out" was propelled by gushing reviews from critics, a flashy premiere at the Cannes Film Festival and an appetite for a movie from Pixar. The animation studio hadn't had a release in two years after delaying "The Good Dinosaur" last year.

"We came into the weekend thinking we'd do something in

the 60s," said Dave Hollis, distribution head for Disney. "As we got closer to release, we hit a critical mass of really unbelievable critical response. In this day and age where technology allows people to see a Rotten Tomatoes score or read something and pass it along to their friends, all of a sudden, there was quite a stir about this as a thing to see."

The twin hits of "Inside Out" and "Jurassic World" are giving Hollywood's summer a major boost. The weekend was up a staggering 64.6 percent over the same weekend last year, according to box-office data firm Rentrak. In 10 days, "Jurassic World" has already made \$981.3 million and appears poised to be among the highest-grossing releases of all time.

"Part of the success of 'Inside Out' is owed to this massive infusion of moviegoers into the marketplace," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Rentrak. "If you look at last weekend, around the world, how many people were in theaters when 'Jurassic World' made its debut?"

He added, though, that "Inside Out" was also driven by Pixar's unique storytelling knack: "They can take almost any subject and turn it into something insightful, poignant and moving."

"Inside Out" and "Jurassic World" had the multiplexes largely to themselves over the weekend. The other wide release to open was "Dope," a low-budget teen comedy set in Los Angeles' Inglewood neighborhood. Written and directed by Rick Famuyiwa, starring newcomer Shameik Moore and boasting some high-profile producers (Forest Whitaker, Pharrell Williams), "Dope" was acquired by Open Road after a buzzy premiere at the Sundance Film Festival.

Though Open Road gave "Dope" an optimistic wide release of 2,002 theaters, it took in only \$6 million.

In limited release, the Adam Scott and Jason Schwartzman comedy "The Overnight"—also a Sundance premiere—opened on three screens in New York and Los Angeles, pulling in \$61,523, good enough for the most packed theaters (albeit in far tinier numbers) besides those playing "Jurassic World" and "Inside Out."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Jurassic World," \$102 million (\$160.5 million international).	10. "Tomorrowland," \$2 million.
2. "Inside Out," \$91.1 million (\$41 million international).	Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to Rentrak:
3. "Spy," \$10.5 million (\$9.6 million international).	1. "Jurassic World," \$160.5 million.
4. "San Andreas," \$8.2 million (\$18 million international).	2. "Inside Out," \$41 million.
5. "Dope," \$6 million.	3. "SPL 2," \$29 million.
6. "Insidious Chapter 3," \$4.1 million (\$3 million international).	4. "San Andreas," \$18 million.
7. "Pitch Perfect 2," \$3.3 million (\$1 million international).	5. "Minions," \$12.3 million.
8. "Mad Max: Fury Road," \$2.8 million (\$4.9 million international).	6. "Spy," \$9.6 million.
9. "Avengers: Age of Ultron," \$2.7 million.	7. "The Classified File," \$8.5 million.
	8. "Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection F," \$7 million.
	9. "Mad Max: Fury Road," \$4.9 million.
	10. "Poltergeist," \$4.4 million.

## Daughter seeks explanation for mom's new relationship

DEAR ABBY: My mom turned 60 last month, and I hosted a party at her house for friends and family. As things were winding down, I took a break from cleaning up to look over the birthday cards from well-wishers that were displayed on a living room table. Among them was a big, gorgeous card from "Cassie," a woman around my mother's age, who I always thought was nothing more than an acquaintance.

As I read the message she had written inside, my jaw dropped. While not pornographic, her message made clear that she and Mom have an intimate physical relationship that has been going on for a while.

I have not discussed the card with Mom, but I suspect she knows I saw it. Lately, I have canceled our weekly lunches together. I don't have anything against gays; I believe they are entitled to a love life just like the rest of us. But in this case, I can't help but feel betrayed. Mom was married to Dad for 32 years, bore him three children and seemed happy. Was this all a lie?

My biggest concern is, if this relationship becomes permanent, how do I explain it to my children -- or worse, my brothers, whose views are conservative and some might say bigoted. I can't help but wonder if Mom left the card out so she could open a can of worms in my lap. How should I approach this?

Please help!

DUMBFOUNDED DAUGHTER

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Some people are bisexual, which means they can be attracted to people of both genders. Your mother may have had a very happy marriage, and then she met Cassie. If she is no longer with your father, it is not a "betrayal" of anyone.

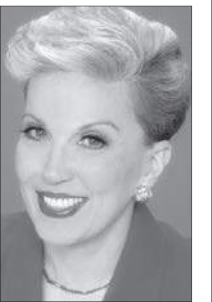
Call your mother and arrange to get together. Tell her you saw the card. She may not have told you about her relationship with Cassie because she was afraid you would react as you have. IF they become a couple and your children ask questions (keep in mind, they may not ask), tell them the truth. As to making any announcements to your bigoted brothers, leave that up to your mother and resist the urge to be the town crier.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm only 18. I know I have a lot to learn in life, but I need help. I'm madly in love with a guy who is "bipolar" about our relationship. One day he loves me and the next he doesn't.

Today he said he needed some time alone because we've been together 24/7. I got all mad and started to go crazy. He's not breaking up with me. I know he needs space, but I can't bring myself to let him have it. I don't want to lose him. Please help

## DEAR ABBY

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me figure out a way to stay with him.

GOT A GOOD ONE IN MISSOURI

**DEAR GOT A GOOD ONE:** If you want to keep your boyfriend, let him have his freedom. I know it sounds contradictory, but the harder you try to hang onto him, the more he will want to get away.

And by the way, while he's enjoying his "space," you should do exactly the same thing he is doing. If you isolate yourself, you will only become depressed, insecure and clingy, none of which are attractive traits.

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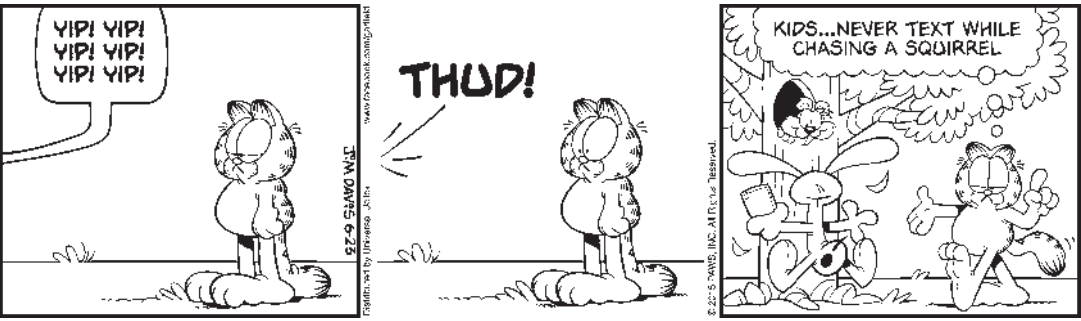
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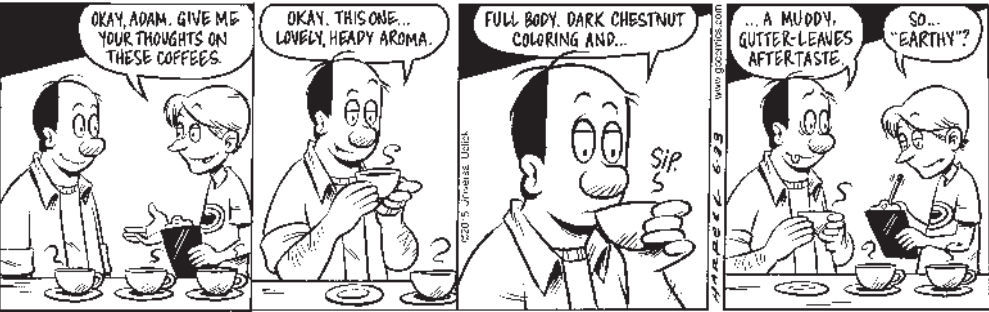


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25 Scepter

26 Sky sight

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37 Ancient

39 In one's cups

40 "Hey, you!"

41 Similar to

42 Valhalla bigwig

43 Close up tight

44 Lotion additive

45 Latvia's capital

46 Armstrong's destination

48 Definite article

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-23

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Melissa Rauch, 35; Jason Mraz, 38; Frances McDormand, 58; Randy Jackson, 59.

**Happy Birthday:** Take action. The longer you procrastinate, the more difficult it will be to put an end to what bothers you or holds you back. Do whatever it takes to show your leadership ability, and others will take note. It's up to you to display what you have to offer and to make whatever adjustments are necessary to ensure that you reach your goals. Your numbers are 4, 15, 26, 29, 32, 36, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't wait to be told what to do. Step up and take responsibility, and you will stand out from the crowd. Update your appearance and the way you do things. Taking progressive action will bring positive results. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Learn as you go. Be willing to admit when you make a mistake. Getting along will be half the battle when faced with professional dilemmas. Do whatever it takes to improve your health and emotional wellness. Diet and exercise will make a difference. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't give in to demands from people looking for a handout. Do whatever it takes to make positive changes at home or to your appearance. What you do to enhance your life will lead to a romantic opportunity. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Make a couple of alterations at home that will add to your comfort or lower your

overhead. Don't get angry when you can focus on your own success and happiness. Honesty and integrity will outshine emotional deception. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You will get ahead and complete your journey if you set realistic priorities. You can accomplish your goals and have fun if you make the decision to do something you love for a living. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll be fed false information. Someone will try to make you look bad. Stick to your game plan and don't leave room for error. Precision and practicality will guide you to the front of any challenge you face. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep your emotions tucked away where no one can see your vulnerability. Speak with authority and confidence, and you will bypass any competitors looking for a way to outmaneuver you. Don't share personal information. Love is in the stars. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You may think you have more disposable cash on hand, but saving for a rainy day will ease your stress. Someone will be all too happy to help you make lavish purchases. Don't try to buy love. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** An emotional problem will crop up if you have been hiding information or avoiding someone's questions. A trip that will take you out of proximity to what you are trying to avoid will buy you time, but it won't solve the problem. \*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A short business trip, looking into a new product or collaborating with one of your peers will lead to an interesting but unusual opportunity. Don't feel you have to make a quick decision. A methodical approach will lead to success. \*\*\*\*\*



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check out your options and make a move. Partnerships, home improvements and using your skills to bring in extra cash will add to your security. Romance will brighten your day and improve your life. Avoid emotional spending. \*\*\*



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will be close to the surface, making it difficult for you to keep your feelings a secret. Try not to engage in discussions that will back you into a corner. Offer kindness and undivided attention, not criticism. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are reserved, disciplined and reliable. You are stable and in control.

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Difficulty Level ★★ 6/23

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ 6/23

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Small ball story of Finals, but bigs may own draft night



**NEW YORK (AP)—**Small ball was the story of the NBA Finals.

It might seem temporarily forgotten at the start of the NBA draft.

The first three players taken Thursday could easily be a trio of big guys. Karl-Anthony Towns seems the likely pick by Minnesota at No. 1, the Los Angeles Lakers would next figure to snare Jahlil Okafor at No. 2 and it wouldn't surprise many onlookers if Philadelphia then took Latvian prospect Kristaps Porzingis with the third pick.

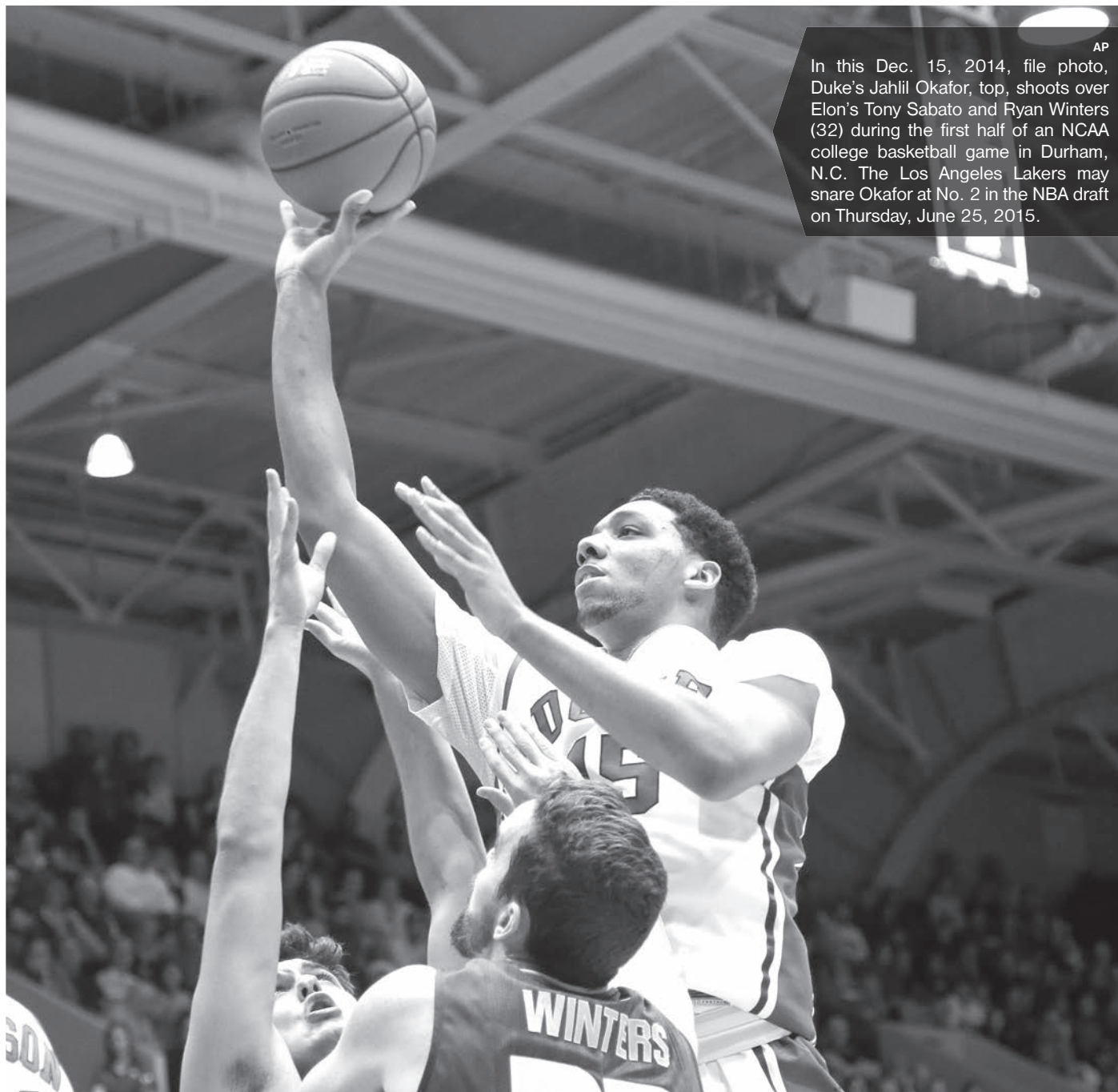
Give or take an inch, they're all 7-footers.

So after a title series where Cleveland's LeBron James and Golden State's Draymond Green - both about 6-foot-8 - spent time at center and where the Warriors swung the series their way by going to a small lineup and forcing the Cavaliers away from what was working, all eyes when the draft starts will be on big men once again.

"I think big men still run the game," Okafor said after a workout with the Lakers earlier this month. "When you have a dominant big man, that changes the aspects of the game. You can see that now, you can see the Golden State big men and the Cleveland big men doing big things for their teams. So we believe the big men still run it."

Not everyone would agree.

The dearth of the NBA big man has been well-chronicled, although it seems to be making a bit of comeback with Anthony Davis, DeMarcus Cousins, LaMarcus Aldridge and Blake Griffin all ranking among the league's top eight scorers this past season. But in today's league, small ball - the type of play where speed and shooting takes precedence over size and power - is clearly en vogue, be-



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In this Dec. 15, 2014, file photo, Duke's Jahlil Okafor, top, shoots over Elon's Tony Sabato and Ryan Winters (32) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Durham, N.C. The Los Angeles Lakers may snare Okafor at No. 2 in the NBA draft on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

cause it's working.

"I understand the small ball," Kentucky coach John Calipari said last week on a teleconference to discuss Towns and the Wildcats' six other draft hopefuls. "Small ball is because a 6-7 guy can move his feet and hands like a guard, but now you've got a 7-footer that can do the same.

In three years, if someone has two 7-footers that can move their feet, then we're going back to the twin towers."

What Calipari is basically saying is that big men are trying to keep up with the times.

The notion of tall guys being able to shoot from deep isn't new - Chris Bosh, Kevin

Love, Channing Frye and Dirk Nowitzki are all serious 3-point threats, and all stand at least 6-foot-10. Towns is working on his range, Okafor has been known to make 3's in practice and Porzingis' outside game is clearly ahead of his post skills.

In the small-ball party right now, the big guys apparently

don't like being left out.

"By necessity, the league has gone smaller and more spread," said Fran Fraschilla, a former college coach who now is an ESPN analyst. "You're seeing more, what I would call, small lineups. What we call the stretch four-man. In part, this is because there are just a handful

of low-post scorers."

If the draft starts with Towns, Okafor and Porzingis, it would be a rare big-big-big opening.

The last time three guys who were 7-footers led off a draft was 2007, when injury-prone Greg Oden, Kevin Durant and Al Horford went 1-2-3. And the last time more than two true post players - Durant wouldn't count there, of course - led off a draft was 2001, with Kwame Brown, Tyson Chandler, Pau Gasol and Eddy Curry were the first four selections.

Chandler and Gasol have enjoyed great careers, Brown and Curry not so much. It's a reminder that betting the franchise's future on big men is always risky, with the most infamous example coming in 1984 when Hakeem Olajuwon went No. 1, Sam Bowie went No. 2 and the player widely considered to be the best ever in the game was still on the board.

A lesser-known blunder from that draft was that 15 teams passed on John Stockton.

"You go back to the Olajuwon-Bowie-Jordan draft," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said. "In years past and maybe even today it makes sense to build around a big, but you don't want to take a big because it's a big and pass on the No. 3 pick - which turned out to be Michael Jordan."

Hence, maybe taking a guard the wiser move

"It can be argued in today's game that maybe you should do that," Kupchak said.

Odds are, he won't listen to that argument. Okafor wants to be a Laker and it'll probably work out that way. Small ball isn't everything - and Okafor wants to remind the league that's the case.

"I know what my bread-and-butter is," Okafor said, "and that's down in the post."

## Canada advances to World Cup quarters

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—**John Herdman flew to Quebec in November 2012 for a coaching conference and another matter he considered rather pressing: To bring Josee Belanger back to the national team for a World Cup run at home.

Once she could understand the Canadian coach's Geordie English accent, they struck an agreement.

Belanger's big left foot propelled Canada right into the Women's World Cup quarterfinal on home soil, with her goal in the 52nd minute lifting the tournament hosts past Switzerland 1-0 in a knockout-round match Sunday.

Herdman is thrilled now that he was so persistent with the versatile Belanger.

"I delivered at the coaching conference and I knew Josee was in the crowd, so I called her out in the crowd in front of all the coaches and said, 'Look,

your country needs you,'" Herdman said. "I said, 'Look, girl, you've got a great opportunity with a home World Cup and an Olympic Games just around the corner.' ... I'll never forget that first training session, she dribbled past four players and scored."

Belanger, back at her preferred forward position following a three-game stint on defense in the group stage, controlled a touch from Christine Sinclair and struck it left-footed to finish into the lower corner of the net past diving Swiss goalkeeper Gaelle Thalmann.

That's all it took to send rocking BC Place into a frenzy. This is why Belanger is wearing the Maple Leaf once again.

"I was ready to come back and I tried to do best to make a difference. I was coming back also to get the chance to inspire that next generation, which I already started when I was coaching," Belanger said.

"I wanted to be an example for them. Each time I go on the pitch, I'm giving my all."

As Belanger pumped both arms in celebration while running back, coach John Herdman jumped into the air as his squad came out energized after halftime. Switzerland's solid attack and pressure in the first half helped quiet the crowd of 53,855, which topped even the World Cup opener and was noted as the largest attendance for a Canadian national team event in any men's or women's sports.

Canada advances to face sixth-ranked England or No. 11 Norway in the quarterfinals next Saturday back here at BC Place.

The Canadians beat a European team in the World Cup for the first time in 11 tries.

Belanger had a chance at another goal when Thalmann got pulled out of the box in the

68th minute, but Caroline Abbe stepped in and cleared the shot.

In the 78th minute, Canadian goalie Erin McLeod blocked a shot by Vanessa Bernauer right in front of the goal. She had another leaping save in the waning moments of injury time.

Herdman made several successful lineup switches from the final group stage game, a 1-1 draw with the Netherlands last Monday.

Defender Rhian Wilkinson came back from a hamstring injury and Lauren Sessellmann returned to her center back spot while the 29-year-old Belanger moved up front to score her sixth international goal. It was her first goal in 23 matches since 2010.

Swiss star Lara Dickenmann will be thinking about her missed chance. She couldn't get a foot on the ball to one-touch from close range in the 14th minute on a pretty cross from Ramona Bachmann in one of Switzer-

land's best opportunities.

Belanger also hit the post in the 16th, moments before Melissa Tancredi collided midair with Thalmann, who fell hard to the turf onto her back.

Herdman's team, playing to chants of "Can-a-da! Can-a-da!" advances past the group stage for just the second time in the country's World Cup history. In 2003, the Canadians reached the semifinal and led 1-0 over Sweden before allowing two goals over the final 12 minutes to lose 2-1 and wound up in fourth place.

Herdman stressed how defense alone wouldn't win it, and his team set the tempo in the second half. Canada, bronze medalist in the 2012 London Olympics after a 4-3 semifinal loss to the U.S., scored only two goals on the way to the round of 16.

Canada defender Kadeisha Buchanan gave Lara Dickenmann a slight shove and made several solid tackles to lead the back line. Buchanan did so af-

ter missing the practices leading up to Sunday because of an abdominal injury.

Switzerland coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg—a three-time World Cup player in her day for Germany—embraced the opportunity for her young team to face Canada with its raucous home crowd. For one half, the Swiss hung tough playing at BC Place for the third time in four World Cup matches. They beat Ecuador 10-1 on June 12 in Group C action and lost 1-0 in their World Cup opener to defending champion Japan on June 8.

"It was a highly intense match, exactly what we expected. There was perhaps insufficient consistency on our part up front," Voss-Tecklenburg said. "From the bottom of my heart I'd like to thank the Canadian audience and the Canadians. You're an amazing country."

Kaylyn Kyle entered in the 76th minute for her 100th appearance with the Canadian national team.





# Tigers rip Yankees, snap four-game skid



**N E W  
Y O R K**  
(AP)— Masahiro Tanaka

ka was having trouble locating his pitches. The Detroit Tigers sent every mistake soaring.

Tanaka allowed three homers for the first time in his major league career, including two of J.D. Martinez's trio of long balls, in the Tigers' 12-4 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

"It actually all comes down to the pitch form or the pitching mechanics," Tanaka said through a translator. "I think I need to tweak just a little bit to get myself right back for my next outing."

After getting two easy outs to start the game, things quickly unraveled for the Japanese star. He gave up a hit to Miguel Cabrera before Victor Martinez sent a two-run shot into the second deck in right field. Yoenis Cespedes reached on shortstop Didi Gregorius' ninth error of the season and J.D. Martinez followed with his first home run of the game.

Tanaka (4-3) had not walked a batter in his previous four starts, but he put Cabrera aboard with a free pass with two outs in the second. Victor Martinez then singled in two more two-out runs for a 6-0 lead.

A solo shot by J.D. Martinez and a single by Bryan Holaday, in the fifth, closed the book on Tanaka. In all, he yielded a career high-tying 10 hits and seven runs in five innings.

"He just didn't have the control he's had in the last couple of starts and it hurt him," manager Joe Girardi said. "He didn't have it today and they made him pay."

J.D. Martinez wasn't done after Tanaka left. He went deep off Danny Burawa, who was making his big league debut, with two on in the sixth to give him six RBI on the day. That gave the Tigers an 11-2 lead, quite a turnaround for Detroit after being outscored 21-5 in the first two games of the series.

With a chance to tie the major league record for homers in a game, J.D. Martinez flied out to right in the eighth.

"It was just one of those days where you take swings and you're actually hitting the ball how you want to hit it," J.D. Martinez said. "There's not too many of those days, so you've just got to take advantage of them."

It was the first multihomer game of his career and the first three-homer game for Detroit since Miguel Cabrera did it at Texas on May 19, 2013.

J.D. Martinez became the first Tigers player to connect three times against the Yankees since Charlie Maxwell in 1959.

Andrew Romine hit Jose De Paula's first major league pitch

for a solo shot in the sixth.

De Paula and Burawa were optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre after the game.

"If I am going to carve out a career in this league, that's exactly what I have to do," Burawa, who grew up nearby on Long Island and went to St. John's University, said of facing the middle of Detroit's order.

Stephen Drew had his third multihomer game this year for the Yankees, connecting in the seventh off Anibal Sanchez and ninth against Joakim Soria.

## Nationals 9, Pirates 2

In Washington, Bryce Harper and YunJ.D. Martinez hit three homers and had six RBI, and the Detroit Tigers routed the New York Yankees 12-4 Sunday to snap a four-game skid.

Martinez connected off Masahiro Tanaka (4-3) in the first. He struck out looking in the third and led off the fifth with another homer against the Japanese right-hander, who allowed three long balls for the first time in his big league career.

Martinez then went deep off Danny Burawa with two on in the sixth. With a chance to tie the major league record for homers in a game, Martinez flied out to right in the eighth.

Victor Martinez homered and drove in four runs for the Tigers.

Anibal Sanchez (6-7) lost his scoreless streak at 21 2/3 innings when Brian McCann homered.

Stephen Drew hit two home runs for the Yankees, who had won four in a row.

## Red Sox 13, Royals 2

In Kansas City, David Ortiz passed two Hall of Famers with his 476th home run, and Boston banged out 13 extra-base hits against Kansas City.

Hanley Ramirez hit his team-best 15th homer and Mookie Betts also went deep for the Red Sox, who set a season high for runs. Xander Bogaerts had three doubles, and Wade Miley (7-6) pitched six scoreless innings.

Ortiz homered leading off the fourth to move past Stan Musial and Willie Stargell into 28th place on the career home run list.

## Phillies 9, Cardinals 2

In Philadelphia, Adam Morgan won his major league debut in surprising style, outpitching Michael Wacha and leading Philadelphia past St. Louis.

Winless in the minors this year, Morgan (1-0) allowed one run and six hits in 5 2/3 innings, striking six and walking two against the team with the best record in the majors.

The 25-year-old lefty had been 0-6 in 13 starts at Triple-A this season, and was 13-28 lifetime in the minors. He was called up before the game to



Detroit Tigers J.D. Martinez (28) celebrates with Tigers Andrew Romine (27) after hitting a fifth-inning, solo, home run in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, June 21, 2015.

pitch in place of Jerome Williams, who's out with a strained left hamstring.

## Orioles 13, Blue Jays 9

In Toronto, J.J. Hardy hit a tie-breaking single in the ninth inning and Baltimore recovered after blowing a seven-run lead to beat Toronto.

Jimmy Paredes hit a three-run homer and Chris Davis added a solo shot as the Orioles improved to 13-4 since June 4.

Davis and pinch-hitter Nolan Reimold drew consecutive walks against Brett Cecil (1-4) with one out in the ninth before Hardy grounded an RBI single to center.

## Indians 1, Rays 0

In Cleveland, Roberto Perez slid home with the winning run on David Murphy's bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, and Cleveland defeated Tampa Bay.

Rays starter Alex Colome retired his first 16 batters, but Cody Anderson kept the game

scoreless in his major league debut for the Indians.

Murphy hit a 3-1 pitch from reliever Kevin Jepsen (1-5) to center field. Kevin Kiermaier made a strong throw home on one bounce, but catcher Curt Casali couldn't come up with the ball as Perez slid across the plate for Cleveland's first walk-off win of the season.

## Cubs 8, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Jake Arrieta pitched a four-hitter and Dexter Fowler hit a grand slam, leading Chicago over Minnesota.

After walking a career-high six in his last start, Arrieta (6-6) didn't walk anyone and struck out seven for his second career shutout and first since last Sept. 16 against Cincinnati.

Minnesota has lost 10 of its last 15 and has been blanked three times in June.

## Reds 5, Marlins 2

In Cincinnati, Todd Frazier and Jay Bruce hit two-run homers as Cincinnati beat Miami.

Frazier hit a two-run homer in the first inning off David Phelps (4-4), his fifth homer in the last five games.

Bruce's 11th homer in the sixth inning snapped a 2-all tie and extended his hitting streak to five games. He's 10 for 20 during the streak with a pair of homers.

## White Sox 3, Rangers 2, 11 innings

In Chicago, Gordon Beckham led off the bottom of the 11th inning with a homer and Melky Cabrera went 5 for 5 and Chicago beat Texas.

The White Sox have won two straight after losing a season-high eight straight games.

Ryan Rua and Leonys Martin homered for the Rangers.

Beckham homered on the first pitch in the 11th inning from Rangers reliever Alex Claudio (1-1).

## Braves 1, Mets 0

In Atlanta, Julio Teheran gave up only one hit in seven score-

less innings, pinch-hitter Pedro Ciriaco had an RBI single and Atlanta swept a three-game series from New York.

The Mets have lost five straight and scored no more than one run in four of the losses.

Matt Harvey (7-5) matched Teheran through six scoreless innings before giving up Ryan Lavarney's two-out double and Ciriaco's single in the seventh.

## Athletics 3, Angels 2

In Oakland, Scott Kazmir pitched into the eighth inning and Oakland withstood another home run by Albert Pujols to beat Los Angeles.

Pujols hit his AL-leading 21st homer of the season, and tied Tim Salmon's team record with 13 home runs in June.

Kazmir (4-4) took a shutout into the eighth and left with one out. Pujols hit a two-run homer off closer Tyler Clippard.

## Astros 6, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Colby Rasmus and George Springer each homered to lead Houston over Seattle.

Astros rookie starter Vincent Velasquez permitted only two hits in 3 1/3 innings. But he walked four and gave up a run, and was pulled after throwing 93 pitches.

The Astros used five relievers. Will Harris (4-0) went 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the victory.

## Rockies 10, Brewers 4

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon drove in four runs, Troy Tulowitzki had three RBI and Colorado beat skidding Milwaukee.

Nick Hundley had four hits and Nolan Arenado led off Colorado's three-run fourth inning with his 17th homer.

## Diamondbacks 7, Padres 2

In Phoenix, A.J. Pollock and Paul Goldschmidt each singled home a pair in a seven-run second inning and Arizona went on to beat San Diego.

Jeremy Hellickson (5-4) pitched six innings for the win. He strained his left oblique while swinging at bat in the bottom of the sixth, but said he expected to make his next start.

## Dodgers 10, Giants 2

In Los Angeles, Yasmani Grandal homered twice, Adrian Gonzalez and Justin Turner also went deep, and the Dodgers knocked two-time Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum out of the game in the second inning en route to a victory over the Giants.

All four homers came against Yusmeiro Petit during a span of 15 batters after the right-hander relieved Lincecum (7-4), and raised the Dodgers' NL-leading total to 91. In Petit's 19 previous appearances this season, he had allowed five home runs in 38 innings.



# Voyagers clinch top ranking; Titans win

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The Jokers IT&E Voyagers secured the top ranking in the Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League after the Smoke Pub Armatech Hustlers failed to muster enough wins in last week's final regular season matches held in separate venues.

The Voyagers were leading by only three wins with their 167-118 record against the Hustlers' 164-121 slate and the latter needed no less than 13 wins to clinch the No. 1 seeding in the playoff round.

The Voyagers completed a 9-6 decision over the Abyss Crazy 8, while the Hustlers could only muster an 11-4 tri-

umph against the Abyss Homeboyz II to fall short in their bid.

The Voyagers finished with a 176-124 slate for a one-win edge over the Hustlers' 175-125 card. The Crazy 8 (153-147), STR8 Shooters (148-152), Smoke Pub Ali'I Destroyers (146-154), and the Homeboyzz II (102-198) complete the standings.

The Voyagers will visit the STR8 Shooters at latter's home bar in Garapan, while the Crazy 8 will host the Hustlers in the separate semifinal matches tonight with the winners advancing to the June 30 title game.

In the Thursday league, the fourth-ranked Abyss Titans clinched the crown following a 9-3 upset of the No. 2 ranked Wild Bill's in the finals match for the regular season crown.

Top-ranked Route 33 Alamo Car Rental, which dropped a 9-6 decision against the Titans in the playoffs, pulled off a 9-8 win against the Jokers Homeboyz to place third.

The Titans will visit Wild Bill's tomorrow in a playoff match for the last Budweiser Cup berth. The winner will face Route 33 on Thursday, June 25.

The other quarterfinals pairings in the Budweiser Cup are the Homeboyz against the Aybss Rack 'N' Roll and Smoke Pub Magic 8-Bll versus the Hobbies Deadshot.

The Jokers Wonderpool Aces will take on Jonny's Team SCS in the other match.

The awards banquet will be held on July 26, Sunday, from 10:30am to 3pm at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

## Inos, Torres regional tournament's special guests



Gov. Eloy Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres will be the guests of honor in the opening of the 2015 Asia-Pacific-Middle East Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Regional Tournament this Friday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

The regional organizing committee has already sent out an invitation to the Governor's Office which confirmed that both Inos and Torres will be attending the opening rites and the welcome dinner at Coral Ocean Point.

"The Gov. and Lt. Gov confirmed their attendance as well as Senate President Victor C. Hocog and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero,"

said tournament director James Ada in a phone interview.

The organizing committee will also hold a meeting at 5pm today at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room to update the final preparations being done for the regionals.

Chief umpire Robert Guerrero is also expected to announce the final number of game officials who will be on hand to facilitate the 48 games to be played in all three divisions.

Mabel Ngingemelas, Manny Tenorio, Roy Celis, Luis Ngirakelau, and Hines Asanuma are some of the 11 certified umpires on Saipan and Guerrero said that he expects each visiting team would also bring one from their delegation.

The CNMI, along with Guam and

the Philippines, will be competing in all three Little League divisions with the Commonwealth hoping to defend the Senior League crown and Chinese-Taipei aiming for a second straight Junior and Big League division titles.

Australia is only competing in the Juniors division, while Hong Kong will be sending Junior and Senior League teams.

The Juniors division will follow a single round-robin format where the Top 2 teams will be playing for the title. The Senior and Big league will play two rounds with the top squad facing the No. 4 and second-ranked contingent taking on the No. 3. Team.

This year's regionals will open with the CNMI dueling Guam in the Big League division at 3pm. **(Jon Perez)**

## ROADRUNNERS

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The Roadrunners scored three points each in the men's and women's B events to take a 15-12 advantage, leaving the women's BC match the deciding factor in the finalists' title drives.

The Red Tigers were hoping to earn three points in the women's BC event, fielding the pair of Havika Farro and Baby Banadera against the Roadrunners' Lucelle Lampera and newcomer Miles Rodriguez.

Had the Roadrunners-Tigers match up ended at 15-all, the team with the most number of points scored will be declared champions.

All eyes were on Court 3 as members of both teams were keenly waiting for the outcome of the match. Lampera and Rodriguez escaped with a 21-18 decision in the opening

game as the opposing teams played great court defense and battled for every point.

The first game result automatically gave the Roadrunners one point to hike their record to 16 and clinch the crown. The match continued despite the Roadrunners' title win with Farro and Banadera coming back in the second game with a 21-10 result, but they failed to end the tournament with a win when they dropped a 21-17 decision in the third game.

The Red Tigers scored their other three-point wins in the men's C and men's BC, and mixed C, then pushed the Roadrunners to deciding games in the women's AB and mixed AB events to briefly enjoy a 12-9 lead.

Ronnie Tan and Nathan Guerrero downed Taeho Kim and John Costales, 21-12, 21-10. Tan then teamed up with Edwin Montoya in completing a

21-17, 21-18 triumph over the pair of Kim and Oh Imbog in the men's BC. Tan clinched his third win with Vilma Reyes as his partner, scoring a quick 21-9, 21-11 victory against Kim and Erica Jung.

In the women's AB and mixed AB events, the Tigers then managed to push the Roadrunners to three games.

Hannah Choi and Elna Curate pulled off a 21-13, 14-21, 21-11 victory against Marlene Peraja and Rowena Sison, while Curate and Jordan Pangilinan dropped a 15-21, 21-12, 13-21 decision over Sison and Andreau Galvez.

The Roadrunners opened their title bid with a win when Oh and Sison delivered a 21-13, 21-12 victory over Curate and Montoya in the mixed B event.

Meanwhile, the Armatech Smashers clinched third place after posting an 18-12 decision over the Badminators.

Victoria Smith and Nozomi Tamasa-wa, 6-0, 6-2.

In other results, two CNMI pair made it to the Top 3 in the boys U14 doubles. Vincent Tudela partnered with Steven Goodwin and they finished the round-robin contest with a 4-1 record to place second behind champion Sterkis Abraham and Joab William of FSM. Singles champion Robbie Schorr and runner-up Ken Song were ranked third after earning a 3-2 mark.

In the boys U12 doubles, singles semifinalist Jin Min Woo and Seung Jin Paik finished third after notching a 2-2 record, the same record Sean Lee and Rintaro Miyawaki registered. Lee and Rintaro went on to drop to fourth place, as they earlier lost to Woo and Paik in their head-to-head matchup last Thursday, 1-6, 4-6.

## Liberation Day caging, Emon Lodge league next month



Two basketball competitions will unfurl next month with Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands and Emon Lodge No. 179 hosting tournaments for men's open division.

BANMI will hold the 2015 Annual Liberation Day Tournament from July 2 to 5 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while Emon Lodge No. 179 will kick off the IT&E-sponsored basketball league late next month with the venue yet to be determined.

Tournament director Elias Rangamar said the Liberation Day caging is open to the first six teams that will register and meet the competition requirements. The four-day contest will also feature a selection from Guam's Andersen Bombers.

Registration fee is \$200 and payment deadline is on June 30. A managers meeting is set for June 26

at 5pm at the conference room of the Ada gym.

For more information, contact Rangamar at 234-6672 or 989-5225 or send email to eli\_rang@yahoo.com.

For the Emon Lodge caging, league coordinator Bong Malasarte said four teams have already signified their intention to join the competition. Malasarte added they will accommodate a minimum of eight squads and maximum of 10.

The league coordinator along with other Emon Lodge No. 179 officials earlier received the \$1,500 donation from sponsor IT&E.

Game schedules, ground rules, and other details of the league will be discussed in a series of meetings later this month.

For more information, contact Malasarte at 287-5525. **(Roselyn B. Monroyo)**

## SPIETH

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And another major heartache for Johnson.

"I had all the chances in the world," said Johnson, who missed six putts inside 10 feet on the back nine and finished one shot behind.

Spieth, the youngest U.S. Open champion since Bobby Jones in 1923, did his part. Even after letting Johnson and fast-closing Louis Oosthuizen back into the game with his double bogey on the 17th hole, Spieth responded with a 3-wood that caught the backboard on the 18th hole and settled below the hole for an eagle putt. He missed it left, made birdie and walked off the green feeling more regret than excitement over his 1-under 69 for a one-shot lead with the big-hitting Johnson behind him.

Johnson reached the par-5 18th with a 5-iron - that's how far he smashed his tee shot on the 601-yard hole.

Make the putt and he wins the U.S. Open. Two putts would force an 18-hole playoff Monday on a course that favors power.

"I'm still amazed that I won, let alone that we weren't playing tomorrow," Spieth said. "So for that turnaround right there, to watch that happen, I feel for Dustin, but I haven't been able to put anything in perspective yet."

Spieth now prepares for St. Andrews, the next stop on this improbable ride.

Woods in 2002 was the last player to get the first two legs of the slam.

The others to win the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year were Craig Wood in 1941 and Ben Hogan in 1951 and 1953. Hogan won the British Open in 1953, though he never played the PGA Championship because it was held roughly the same time as the British.

Spieth finished at 5-under 275 in winning for the third time this year. He is still No. 2 and closing fast on Rory McIlroy, who has top 10s in both majors this year without being a serious contender.

Spieth becomes the first player since Jones to make birdie on the 72nd hole to win the U.S. Open by one shot - all because of Johnson's three-putt. He also became the youngest player with two majors

since Gene Sarazen in 1922.

For all the criticism of the unique course at Chambers Bay, this was the theater at its finest.

But there will be lingering questions about the condition of the greens, so bumpy that they were referred to as broccoli and Billy Horschel said he lost respect for the USGA. This championship ended with a short miss, the target of complaints all week.

"As you can tell, it's very difficult to get them in the hole out there," Johnson said. "The greens were really fast and they were rolling fairly smooth, but it was still bouncing a little bit."

The final hour was so wild that four players could have won over the last two holes.

Branden Grace of South Africa was tied for the lead when he hit his tee shot on the reachable 16th hole over the fence and onto the railroads that run along Puget Sound. He made double bogey and never challenged again.

Spieth hit into the fescue-covered mounds right of the 17th and made double bogey just as Oosthuizen made one last birdie - his sixth over the last seven holes - for a 67 to post at 4-under 276.

Johnson, who had a two-shot lead at the turn until missing so many putts on the back nine, was forgotten until he stuffed his tee shot on the par-3 17th to 4 feet for birdie. He just couldn't make one from a little closer when it mattered even more.

"I did everything I was supposed to do," he said. "I hit the ball really well. I'm proud of the way I handled myself and the way I played today. I just really struggled getting it in the hole today. I didn't think I was hitting bad putts. I thought I was hitting them pretty good they just weren't going in."

It was the fourth heartache for Johnson in the majors, and this was the worst.

Jason Day, who collapsed on Friday with vertigo only to rally for a share of the 54-hole lead, fell back with missed putt and was never in the hunt on the back nine. He closed with a 74 to finish five shots behind.

Grace never recovered from that double bogey on No. 16 and shot 71 to tie for fourth with Adam Scott (64) and Cameron Smith (68).

## KAGA

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Paris Panuelo and Skilling, 6-1, 6-2, and had similar two-set victory against Malakooti and Chelsea Panuelo, 6-3, 6-1. The FSM pair rounded out the Top 3 after prevailing against Malakooti and Chelsea Panuelo, 6-4, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the CNMI gained two more doubles championships, three runner-up medals, and two third place finishes.

Girls U14 champion Tania Tan teamed up with runner-up Malika in winning the doubles title in their division. Tan and Miyawaki clinched the doubles crown after topping fellow CNMI players Asia Raulerson and Mimi Sakano last Friday, 6-3, 6-3. The victory was Tan and Malika's



# 1st IT&E Club Lao Championship

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Inaugural Club Lao overall champion Kwon Young Sook shows off her trophy and certificate after beating men's division winner Jin Feng Chun in last week's finals at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's east course.



The semifinalists, from left, Jenny Hegland, Kwon Young Sook, Lee Dong Young, and Jin Feng Chun, gather for a group photo.



Jenny Hegland, left, receives the runner-up certificate from LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort president Chang Ho Park.



Chang Ho Park, left, congratulates Jin Feng Chun for winning the men's division.



From left, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort president Chang Ho Park, men's division runner-up Lee Dong Young, LaoLao Bay assistant front office manager Mary Grace Beltran, and chief accountant Maria Beltran pose for a group photo.



Club Lao president Jun Park, left, awards the ladies division certificate to Kwon Young Sook.



Kwon Young Sook watches the direction of her tee shot.



Jin Feng Chun hits out from the bunker.

Jin Feng Chun makes a putt, while Kwon Young Sook waits for her turn.



From left, Jun Park, LaoLao Bay golf course manager Tony Satur, Jenny Hegland, Kwon Young Sook, Lee Dong Young, Jin Feng Chun, and Chang Ho Park pose for a photo.







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## Spieth wins a stunner at Chambers Bay

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**UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP)**—Jordan Spieth is halfway home to the Grand Slam, a prize only three of the biggest names in modern golf have ever chased.

And he still can't believe how he got there.

Spieth won the U.S. Open in a heart-stopper Sunday with a turn of events even more wild than the terrain at Chambers Bay. He thought he had it won with a 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole. He threw away a three-shot lead one hole later. He made birdie on the final hole. And then he thought it was over as Dustin Johnson settled in over a 12-foot eagle putt for the victory.

Three putts later, Spieth was the U.S. Open champion.

"I'm still in shock," he said with the gleaming U.S. Open trophy at his side.



"I've never experienced a feeling like this. It was a very intense back nine."

Spieth became only the sixth player to win the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year, and he joined Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods in getting the first two legs of the modern slam that Palmer created on his way to St. Andrews in 1960.

That's the next stop for the 21-year-old Texan whose two major championships could not be any more different. A wire-to-wire runaway at Augusta National. A nail-biter on the edge of Puget Sound.



AP

Jordan Spieth kisses the trophy after winning the the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Sunday, June 21, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

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JON PEREZ

The Racket Roadrunners flash the No. 1 sign after ruling the inaugural Saipan Times Open Badminton Team Tournament as they beat the Red Tigers in the finals last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

## Roadrunners rule *Saipan Times* badminton

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The Racket Roadrunners survived a tightly fought finals match-up against the Red Tigers to become the inaugural champions of the *Saipan Time* Open Badminton Team Tournament



held over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

The Roadrunners were trailing by three, 9-12, heading into the last three events but scored consecutive three-

point wins to earn some breathing room.

All matches are in doubles—men's, women's and mixed—with a two-game win giving the victorious pair three points and two for the winning duo and one for the losers if the match went to three games.

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## Kaga siblings complete domination in regionals

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Sisters Conatsu and Coume Kaga capped their mastery of the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015 by winning the doubles championships in the girls U12 division last Saturday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Hagatna, Guam.

Conatsu and Coume, who finished 1-2 in the girls U12 singles, added the doubles title to their collection after going undefeated in three games in the round-robin competition. The Kaga siblings bagged back-to-back wins last Thursday against the Federated



States of Micronesia's Paris Panuelo and Anne Skilling, 6-0, 6-0, and Guam's Kaia Malakooti and FSM's Chelsea Panuelo, 6-0, 6-1. The sisters then downed fellow CNMI bets Maria Gregoire and Ericka Tuttle last Friday, 6-3, 6-2, to secure the championship, which was Conatsu's second in a row after she won last year with partner Malika Miyawaki.

Tuttle and Gregoire settled for the runner-up honors as they finished the round-robin contest with a 2-1 record. The eventual runners-up also swept

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Coume Kaga



Conatsu Kaga